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COMPILER'S PREFACE.

Many have asked why I had undertaken so difficult a task as to publish a work of this kind.

They wondered whether it would be of any real value. Yet after careful investigation into the merits of the work acknowledged it was destined to be the one really needed. It was undertaken on my part with unbounded confidence, in our own people with an undying love for "My Ain Country," a heritage born with the American people. Making the inhabitants of each state brothers, this is especially true with Iowans, for it is the banner state in this great Union of ours — where every county in the entire state has the fertility within its borders only awaiting the willing hand to delve into the heart of nature and bring forth "horns of plenty" to hang at every latch string. The best portion to my mind is my own County, Dickinson.

The chain of beautiful lakes nestling like loving children to their mother's breasts found here, is the Mecca which draws not only the better class of people from the fartherest corners of our own state — but from nearly every state in the Union. Take the Rock Island or Milwaukee route to any point, North, South, East or West, viewing the resorts of all regions, spending your winter in Florida, Pasadena or Honolulu, then summer, if you will at "Saratoga" or "Long Branch", not forgetting

Lakes Harriett, Calhoun or Minnetonka — of our sister state — or West and view the sublime grandeur of mountain heights piled up by the lavish hand of a Divine Creator, until as you gazed you felt you were in the presence of Almighty God! Amid all this the longing for the sequestered beauty to be found in Northern Iowa, drew you back — and the train didn't come fast enough to keep pace with the unquenchable longing within. I was told last summer "There was only one lake in the world to be favorably compared with West Okoboji, that was "Killairney."

"The Blue Book Round Table" in this little volume is presented to the readers as the voice of the permanent and summer residents of our Lakes, bringing out the advantages to be found at the several resorts. Generously has my request been responded too and I am only very sorry that there were not pages enough to hold the many flowers of thought contributed to help make this little volume complete.

Our people can always be depended on in placing a shoulder to the wheel helping each revolution for a common good, and like one great family working faithfully for the development of the Lake Region.

Little recked the Early Glonquins, who lay interred in the mound on the Old O'Farrel homestead, known now as "Strikers' Park", for centuries perhaps — that the beautiful lakes whose wooded shores had furnished fallows for Elk and Deer, and whose placid waters had rippled in eddying waves from the prows of their bark canoes. (That their race would become extinct, their land a pleasure ground centuries later for a race they had never known of) — where they had lived peacefully and happily for hundreds of years before the white man's foot had "passed this way", interring their dead conscientiously in their accustomed sitting positions, their treasures (Tomahawk, bows, arrows, breast plates and quaintly carved copper vases), within easy reach, so that, when the great spirit —'Manitou' — called them for the final chase they would be prepared. We know not of annals in the custom of their fathers yet the deeply beaten path indicated that annually around these mounds they took up the funeral march 'round and 'round the burial mound, singing the weird death songs for the repose of their departed, sang by forefathers in dark Siberia. Before their migration across Behring strait, the great mountain chain southward thro' Colorado, New Mexico, then migrating as their natural instinct led them, leaving the same traces like indistinct foot prints to tell the 19th century historian that America's first population

was a race of giant Glonquins Kings, examine the relics taken from the mound on West Okoboji by A. L. and C. A. Pearsons, of Cedar Rapids, since turned over to Prof. Ward of the historical society, then say, if you can, that this land was first peopled by the savage Sioux. The true history of the Glonquins can only be partially revealed by those able to decipher and fit in the links in the chain of investigation, crude though they be taken from mounds in the many different sections, which have the same hieroglyphics or relics, the same style and shape, shows conclusively that this race were natives of Asia and that their history remains a tale untold.

MRS. W. F. WRIGHT.

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THE SIMPLE LIFE AT THE LAKES.

Nature has set her crown on the State of Iowa, not in lofty mountains with ever changing charm of scenic beauty, but in a rich soil, stretching from the Father of Waters to the Big Muddy, with a less proportion of waste land than any other state of the Union. In this crown she has set rare gems, not hard, unyielding stones, but lakes of laughing waters, waters, whose wooded shores, sandy beaches, tinted waves and clear depths are as charming as the sun ever kissed.

From the heat and noise of our prosperous cities, with large contributions from adjacent states, in answer to the call of cooling waters, they come. See them come! The business man, worked out in the whirl of Nineteenth Century rush; the professional man, to drop for a time the perplexing problem of trying to please the petulant public; the tired mother, whose unselfish heart has made her unmindful of weary feet; teacher and pupil, alike glad to escape the tyranny of appointed hours; and the tiny tot and the pet pug.

Form and fashion are left behind. There are smiling faces, cheerful greetings, shouts of joy and laughter unrestrained. Whether the visitor is sheltered under the roof of one of our fine hotels, or in a cozy cottage, or, on the tented beach, his is characterized by simplicity. In drsse, comtort rather than fashion rules; for food substantial (and plenty of them) are preferred to dainty dishes, books, are leisurely read under the luxuriant shade of native treos, the children become acquainted with the birds and squirrels. All day long the lakes are dotted with boats and the patience of their occupants is generally rewarded with bass or pike, or pickerel or perch; sail boats are wafted in all directions; launches dart in and out; picnic parties crowd the steamers and the serf is filled with bathers who seem intent on making people believe that they are the happiest people in all the world.

Something for every one to do and every one doing pretty much as he pleases!

The shadows of evening gather and moon-beams play upon the enchanted waters. Nature takes the tired ones in her loving arms and through the long hours rebuilds the tissues of the body, giving beauty

and mental power and strength for the ardous task that must soon be taken up again.

E. WINSLOW BROWN,
Pastor Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

MY FIRST DAY IN DICKINSON.

Among the many incidents of early days, none are more strongly impressed on my memory than the experiences of my first day in Dickinson County. I was a member of the relief expedition from Fort Dodge at the time of the massacre in 1857. We arrived at Emmet, four miles above Estherville on the first day of April, where we were met by messengers from the force of the U. S. troops at Springfield (now Jackson), who informed us that the Indians had made good their escape to the northwest and that it would be useless for our entire force to go to the lakes. Accordingly Major Williams made a detail of twenty-three men to proceed to the lakes for the purpose of burying the victims of the massacre. I was one of the number so detailed. We were limited to one blanket apiece and two days' rations, which we carried on our shoulders. We reached the vicinity of the lakes about the middle of the afternoon and immediately set to work on our grusome task. We buried three bodies that night and then went into camp in the Thatcher cabin. We were on the move early next morning, going first to the Howe cabin, where the force was divided into three parties, the first under Captain Johnson staying there to bury the Howe family, the second under Lieut. Maxwell going to the Mattock place and working there and the third under Wheelock was sent out on the prairie in search of an abondoned wagon that was known to have provisions aboard. I was a member of this party. We found the abandoned wagon all right and taking such supplies as we could carry, we turned back and rejoined the main body at the Mattock place. The entire command then went up through the grove to the Gardner place, where we finished our work, having buried thirty bodies in all.

So much for my first day in Dickinson County.

R. A. SMITH.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Adair, Iowa, August 10, 1905.

I took charge of the Presbyterian church work at Spirit Lake in September, 1884. There had been a partial organization of a church, and some Presbyterian services. The church was reorganized and Elders and Trustees elected at a meeting in my house. When I came the people had been some time without services. We rented the "Old Beacon Hall." This hall was used for almost everything during the week, frequently by shows on Saturday evening and in a very unsuitable condition on Sabbath morning. Those interested came early and prepared it for services before the audience arrived. Had I space, I'd mention the many specially helpful in this pioneer work, many of them living, some having gone to their reward. I shall cherish their names in happy memory — God bless them all.

We used the hall two and one-half years, favored by providence we built the beautiful little church where services are still held. The Lord wonderfully blessed us in the building. We wondered how we could raise the money, committed the matter to God and were astonished at our success. The people subscribed liberally for the building, all paid promptly. Most of the money was raised from the citizens of Spirit Lake. The paper was headed by ten fifty dollars gifts, the work went on rapidly "for the people had a mind of work." The young people raised about $71.00 for a chandalier, through, an offering box kept at the Barron House, by the way, one of the popular places about the Lakes. The pulpit was bought by Dr. Bailey's synodical missionary, $5.00 of the money being given by a little boy on his dying bed to Dr. Bailey for the aid of some new church in Iowa.

I look back to Spirit Lake as an Oasis in my life's work. I preached to intelligent, refined and appreciative audiences. Our membership increased — God blessed us. We are parting on Earth — may we all meet in Heaven.

REV. DR. JOHN H. CARPENTER, D. D.
Pastor First Presbyterian . Church, Adair, Iowa.

CHAT BY MRS. MARCUS SNYDER.

In my travels North, South and West I have failed to find any state with more good things than we have in the State of Iowa. Our apples look as beautiful hanging on the trees as oranges, and far more useful, with no trouble of irrigation to raise them. Our vegetables have a finer flavor. Our fish, while not as large as those taken from near the kelp beds of the sea are more delicious. Moon light on the Pacific is not more beautiful than moon light on our own beautiful lakes.

MRS. MARCUS SNYDER,
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"JUST BUDS."

Illustration on Opposite Page

1 Miss Madge Elston, 2 Miss Vera Wilson, 3 Master Harry Wilson, 4 Miss Corine Birdsall, 5 Miss Marie Dolf, 6 Master Tommy Gilbert, 7 Master Freddie Wilson, 8 Miss Dolly Gray, 9 Miss Geraldine Hurd

"JUST BUDS"

THE LAKES — THEN AND NOW.

By Rev. J. A. Lory.

Circled around
By dell and mound,
No launch it bore
On either shore;
No cottage stood
In nook of wood,
And not a boat
Was there afloat,
In days of old,
So we are told.
Storms o'er it swept
And breezes crept,
Ripples to curl
And waves to hurl.

But now the lake,
For pleasure's sake,
Is tended round
And cottage bound,
And troubled more
Than e'er before;
For every year,
From far and near,
Comes to its side
Man to abide.
Still, waves doth dash
And waters splash,
Patting the shore
Just as of yore.

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH A PRAIRIE FIRE IN IOWA — FATHER'S DEATH.

Early in the fall of 1860 I went to Detroit, Mich., when father received a letter from Uncle Schuneman, who was then living at Spirit Lake, urging him to come and take up a homestead. Father made up his mind while on the way home to go and we started on our way. Reaching Twelve Mile Lake and camping for dinner we discovered large clouds of smoke coming over the prairie. While mother, grandmother and the children were getting into the wagon, Thomas Doughty, a frontiersman, who was living with uncle, overtook us. He was on his way back to Spirit Lake from a trip to Fort Dodge. He was of very material aid as he understood the necessity of immediate action. Those who never have seen billows of leaping flames rushing with the fury of the wind and clouds of blinding, stifling smoke,can form no conception of the situation from a written description. The horses were dumb with fright and couldn't be induced to move. Father tried in vain to coax them, holding them by the bits and talking to them. The flames rolled on and over us. Thomas Doughty and I holding the other team, saw father fall to the ground. When the smoke cleared again he was up and still trying to get the horses on the burnt ground. Like firey waves they rolled over him, falling. We rushed to his aid, he said "I'm cold won't you bring a quilt?" Mother had seen him fall but the fire and smoke was stifling and she couldn't get through it. We wrapped him up making him as comfortable as possible, put him on a feather bed and brought him to my uncles, guided by Mr. Doughty. My father lived nine days and is buried in Lake View.

HENRY SCHUNEMAN.

THE MISTRESS OF THE MANSE.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST WHITE SETTLER.

It was in the year 1856 that the hills and groves about these lovely lakes first echoed the sound of the woodman's ax. Seldom ere this had their numerous beauties greeted eyes of a white man, their waters had slept for centuries, unknown to the turmoils of civilization, disturbed only by their finny inhabitants, flocks of wild fowls or the rippling oar of the Indian's canoe.

Rowland Gardner and Harvey Luce, his son-in-law, were the first white men to bring their families for settlement. Our family consisted of father, mother, two sisters and one brother. The eldest sister was the wife of Mr. Luce, Eliza, aged seventeen, still survives. Rowland Jr., aged six and Abigail, the writer, then a girl of thirteen summers. The family of Mr. Luce consisted of himself, wife and two small children, Albert and Amanda.

On the 16th day of July the heavy covered wagons drawn by ox teams brought their passengers to this then wild and savage border of our present prosperous summer resort. Soon after we arrived we heard

the reports of guns amid the groves around us, but whether it came from the rifles of white men or Indian we knew not. We went into camp at the edge of the grove, west of the present site of the monument. The next morning father, Mr. Luce and W. R. Wilson, a young man who had accompanied our family from Clear Lake, started out to reconnoiter. On their return they brought the glad news that they had found four white men encamped on the north side of West Okoboji, near where now may be seen Mr. W. S. Wilson's residence. The men spent several days looking about the lake region, when they decided that no more beautiful or desirable location in which to establish a home could be found than where we were encamped. Hence a log cabin to shelter the family was soon erected, where it still stands, and is seen today as a memorial to these brave pioneers who first essayed to establish homes of civilized life on the shores of these beautiful lakes.

My father turned over the first sod with his ox teams for cultivation of the soil in Dickinson county. Mr. Luce laid claim to 160 acres of land adjoining father's on the east and erected a log cabin. W. R. Wilson took up a claim of 160 acres east of that of Mr. Luce, a portion of which now embraces the site of Arnolds Park property. After the massacre by the Indians of the first settlers, Mr. Wm. Wilson and my sister sold their interests in these three claims of 160 acres each for the nominal sum of five hundred dollars. In the year 1891, some thirteen acres of father's original homestead sold for five thousand dollars and city lots were staked for sale surrounding the old log cabin home, including the one on which it stands. From the proceeds of the sale of my history of the Okoboji and Spirit Lake massacre and my captivity among the Indians, I was enabled to purchase this to me sacred spot, paying for eighty by one hundred and eighty feet of land three hundred and fifty dollars. I bought it just in time to save the old log cabin home from ruins, as it was ready to fall down from undermining. During the winter of 1893-4 I went before the Iowa legislature in behalf of a bill for an appropriation of $5,000 to erect on this historical ground the beautiful granite monument to the memory of a little band of brave pioneers who fell victims to the vengeance of the red man.

This is said to be the most prominent historical site in the state of Iowa and is one of the greatest points of interest to tourists about the lakes.

ABBIE GARDNER SHARP.

MY FIRST NIGHT IN DICKINSON COUNTY.

It is perhaps by reason of the contrast with the gracious hostelries that today welcome the traveler to the lake region that the rude hospitalities of "Old Man Peters" and the memory of my first night in Dickinson come back to me so vividly.

I had made my way on foot across the prairie from Blue Earth City, staying over night at Tuttle's lake and stopping for dinner at a trapper's cabin on the Des Moines. Here I met a young frontiersman named Leary, who, when he learned that I was trying to make my way to the Spirit Lake settlement where my brother was, with the ready will to lend a hand, ever characteristic of the frontiersman, volunteered to guide me to the settlement, a distance of fifteen miles. We reached the north shore of Spirit Lake at dusk and from there made our way through increasing darkness down the shore of the lake. I enquired where we would spend the night and my guide replied that he "reckoned we would stay with Old Man Peters." About ten o'clock we reached the isthmus between Spirit and Okoboji lakes, where Old Peters lived, his home being a hole in the ground with some logs across the top, the whole covered with prairie hay and sand. All was dark within and without. My guide shouted to Peters that "Smith's brother has come and wants to stay all night." "All right," replied the sleepy voice of mine host. "Tell him to crawl in with Brown. Just feel along the wall till you come to the bed." Groping my way along the wall I found a pole bed covered with prairie hay containing the sleepy form of a man. Not knowing whether Brown was black or white, I crept in by his side and slept till morning. When I awoke Brown was gone and I arose and made my way to the Okoboji cabin, where I found my brother. I afterwards made the acquaintance of Walter Brown, my bedfellow, and he and I were neighbors and friends for over thirty years.

M. J. SMITH.
Okoboji, Iowa.

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MY ARRIVAL AT SPIRIT LAKE IN 1859.

Peter Ladoux, John Loomis and myself composed a party of emigrants seeking a home in the wilderness where the Indians had but recently left their trail of blood and carnage, a heritage of horrible memories. We had three yoke of oxen in our outfit and stopped at Blue Earth City, laying in our winter's supply of flour. At Chain Lakes, near Estherville, we purchased a fat hog, doing our butchering. Thus provisioned we arrived at Spirit Lake and I settled on the land which has ever since been known as "The Arthur Homestead." We chopped and hauled logs from the head of Spirit Lake to build a bridge across "the narrows." The weather was fine the 1st of January, the frost was all out of the ground, so I did my spring plowing during the month. We passed an easy winter and I often think of those old days when wee little band of pioneers were like one family with feelings of regret for they are constantly going thence to the land beyond the river of time.

H. D. ARTHUR.

THE PATH FINDERS.

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1 Mr. Charles Arnold; 2 Mrs. Charles Arnold; 3 Mr. Daniel Bennett; 4 Mrs. Daniel Bennett; 5 Mr. Henry Schuneman; 6 Mr. John Francis; 7 Mrs. John Francis; 8 Mr. Peter Ladoux; 9 Mr. H. D. Arthur; 10 Mrs. Abbie Gardner Sharp; 11 Rev. Pillsbury; 12 Mrs. Pillsbury; 13 Mr. S. J. Phippen; 14 Mrs. S. J. Phippen; 15 Hon. R. A. Smith; 16 Mr. M. J. Smith; 17 Mr. H. A. Kingman; 18 Mr. H. C. Ogden; 19 Mrs. Cornelia Cooper.

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LETTER OF TRAVEL

Santa Ana, California, February 8, 1906.

My Dear Mrs. Wright:

We are now nicely located, so I will endeavor to keep my promise to you. We left Spirit Lake January 23, 1906, via the R. I. and Southern Pacific. A party of ten of us went over into Old Mexico to the City of Jaurez, from El Paso, Tex., where we saw many interesting sights.

We visited a church, said to be built in 1549, and it certainly looked ancient.— Afterwards we visited the prison, where we saw the Mexican soldiers. We also spoke with an American who was held since July for disorderly conduct and couldn't even get a trial. We went to the market which was a large one, seeing many curious things. We also visited the Arena, where the celebrated bull fights take place, met one of the leading Torreros and family - then, as it was getting late, decided to feed the inner man with a Mexican dinner, which it is unnecessary to mention, was served hot in more ways than one. Afterwards we went back to El Paso and caught the Golden State Limited, then on to Los Angeles. We have enjoyed some fine drives through beautiful Orange, Lemon and Olive groves. The scenery here is certainly lovely and the flowers beautiful, and too much cannot be said for the climate, but after all is said no spot that can quite come up to dear old Spirit Lake. I can truly say with the poet:

"How dear to my heart
Are the scenes of my childhood."

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. E. L. BROWNELL.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE OF SPIRIT LAKE.

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1 Dr. Schofield, 2 Mr. S. L. Pillsbury, 3 Mr. G. W. Stapleton, 4 Mr. A. H. Betts, 5 Mr. A. Hurd, 6 Mr. Wm Hayward, 7 Mr. A. R. Carter, 8 Dr. G. G. Fitz, 9 Mr. P. E. Narey, 10 Mr. Marcus Snyder, 11 Lorenzo Sperbeck, 12 C. C. Hamilton, 13 Dr. G. L. Atkins, 14 Mr. A. W. Osborne, 15 Mr. V. A. Arnold, 16 Dr. C. E. Rector, 17 Mr. A. M. Johnson, 18 Mr. W. T. Davidson, 19 Mr. L. E. Francis, 20 Mr. F. H. Ferguson, 21 Mr. C. I. Reigard.

CHAT BY H. C. OWEN

We moved from Hamilton County in company with Mr. Wycoff. The outfit consisted of Wycoff, his wife, myself, wife and baby, two cows tied behind some pigs following, with myself in the rear. We traveled in this order until we reached Spirit Lake.

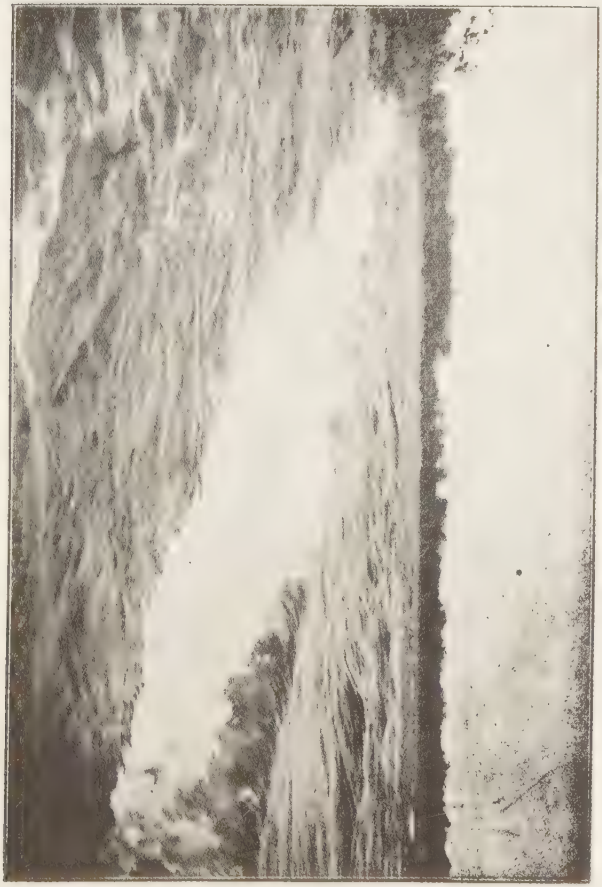
It was in the Spring of 1860, and the cows were wandering far in search of food. While looking for them one evening I found the barrel of an old gun. The stock had been broken off at the breech. About five yards away I found the stock. It was of curled maple with two rows of brass rivets at the guard. As it was getting late I looked no farther until the next day when I found part of a pair of Scotch plaid pantaloons. I carried the barrel over to G. D. Howe's blacksmith shop but could secure no information on the subject.

H. C. OWEN.

MY ARRIVAL IN DICKINSON COUNTY.

I arrived at Spirit Lake in 1870 with three loads of merchandise as my stock in trade. It was against my own inclination to begin on Friday. Necessity required the wheels of business to revolve at once. In the meantime we have been discouraged. The hope and courage of young manhood overcame them all. My life has been so busy and the years have flown swiftly. Looking across the vista it seems a little while since October, 1870. Retracing my steps, counting the events of the intervening period, the changes time has brought I can hardly realize 36 years have flown by. Spirit Lake was then an outpost of civilization. The Indian had recently abandoned his native haunts. Fur bearing animals, practically extinct were almost the chief dependence of the people. Babes, then unborn have grown to manhood and womanhood, now having children of their own. It has been my purpose to serve faithfully and well the public with whom I have business relations. I endeavored to manifest an interest, public and private. In return I have enjoyed the confidence and patronage of the people to a generous extent having an abiding attachment for Dickinson County and its people. I trust the future may be bright for all of us.

A. M. JOHNSON, SR.



THE SURF SCENE.

LEGEND OF DIAMOND LAKE.

Essie Atkins.

Long ago, before the white man crossed the trackless Western prairies, a tribe of Sioux Indians dwelt peacefully in a sheltered ravine, from whence, at frequent intervals, bands of warriors rode; on the warpath against the hostile Crows.

One of the Sioux maidens, Oatna (Jewel,) loved a Crow warrior, and when her father, the chief, led a war party against them, she betrayed the warriors into the hands of the Crows.

From the score of braves who rode fearlessly out of the valley, but ten returned and soon Otana's treachery became known.

The council of the head men decreed that she must suffer torture and be burned alive at the stake the next day, so forthwith she was bound and a slow fire was kindled at her feet. Bravely, with eyes fixed westward toward the land of the Crows, she sang her death song and endured her torture unflinchingly.

The heart of Manitou, the Great Spirit who loved the Sioux better than any of his children, was filled with wrath when he saw the beautiful Indian maiden, whose love overcame her loyalty, dying at the stake.

With a sweep of his mighty arm, he flung wide the gates of the heavens, and a torrent of water plunged down upon the valley and its inhabitants.

With wails of terror the frightened Indians flung themselves prostrate crying to Manitou to save them, but in vain.

Two only, of all the tribe, escaped, and these the parents of Otana, at a distance watched the scene with horror, as the ravine filled with foaming water and the very trees sunk from view.

They christened the lake Otanawah, "Diamond water", in memory of Otana, the "Jewel" daughter of the lost tribe.

'Tis said and is believed by the Indians, that in the August moon at midnight the spirits of the drowned Indians rise and walk on the waters of the lake, and that, if any traveler should chance to be out on its surface, they are seized by ghostly hands and snatched to the icy depths.

Thus runs the legend of Otana, the Indian maid.

IN NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA — EXPERIENCE OF MRS. M. JAMERSON ARTHUR IN BLIZZARD OF 1872.

All day Sunday I suffered with sick headache, Monday morning I felt a little better but went to school without my accustomed dinner pail. The sun shone so warm the leaves were dripping. During the last recitation of the day I glanced out of the window and saw snow blowing. At that moment the stove pipe fell, which held our attention. When it was righted it was storming in earnest. As some of the little ones came illy provided with wraps we decided I should stay with them, while the older ones made haste for home and came for us with an ox team and wraps. One of the older boys that just came from Sweden said he never saw such a storm and as his way lay in the teeth of the storm he waited for us. I thank God, he did, he was the means of saving our lives. After the others had gone we began to look for fuel. One of the directors had gone for wood that day, expecting to return by afternoon. We expected help and I made a big fire to have the little ones warm to face the storm waiting. Darkness came. The room was built of logs, much of the chink was gone,the floor was mother earth, the roof brush covered with hay, the snow sifted through every crevice. Seats and desks of plank were soon covered, darkness and storm raged without. At last morning came with renewed hopes, our wood all gone. Through God's providence one of the workmen had left his hammer at the schoolhouse — it was the only instrument we had to break the heavy planks which we did by making dents with hammer first on one side and then the other, and running and jumping on the boards succeeded in breaking them. This was amusement for the little ones, keeping their minds from the storm and their hunger, it also brought thirst, and when I could deny them no longer I gave them snow to eat. Night came again with nothing but the pine planks to burn. At about 9 o'clock the smallest pupil was taken sick. I melted snow and warmed water for her to drink. This revived her. We were one after another taken in the same way all through the night. By morning the storm had ceased; I consented to try to get to the nearest neighbors in crossing little Indian lake. I sank twice from the cold and would never have arose had I not been so strongly urged by John Dahlstrom, the Swede.

MARY JAMERSON ARTHUR,
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

THE FIRST MUSICAL INSTRUMENT IN DICKINSON COUNTY.

My wife and I brought the above melodian to Spirit Lake in June of 1868, and for several years it was the only musical instrument of this class in Dickinson County. In those days of the pioneers, the Indian and the muskrat, it occupied the place of honor at all Fourth of July celebrations, camp meetings and other past times of those days being moved from place to place as occasion demanded. To its strains the stalwart pioneer has lifted his voice in praise to his maker, by its side little children have practiced their Sunday school lessons. The old time village choir have held their weekly quarrels to its accompaniment, and on our natal day on some rudely constructed platform in the lakeside grove when the eagle screamed and the bashful swain bought peanuts and ice cream for his lady love, the old melodian seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. CHAS. ARNOLD,
North Hill Street, Spirit Lake.

THE G. A. R.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN THE PIONEER DAYS.

In giving the early history of the medical profession it will be necesary to render credit where credit is due to my "Brethren of the Cloth" in adjoining counties. Dr. Baxter was the first to locate in Dickinson for the practice of his profession. He acquired quite an extensive practice, and there are still people residing in the county who tell many laughable stories regarding the old man. Dr. Beers located here about the same time, and established the first drug store, which was a nulcous of the stock which was carried by George Baxter in '75 or '76. Dr. H. McCrarey located at the old town of Milford about the same time. A capable physician, Dr. Charles McAlister, located in Spencer in the early '70, coming from Massachusetts. Dr. McAlister still lives and bids fair to practice many years to come. In 1870 Dr. D. H. Niel located in Sibley,

coming from St. James, Minnesota. He has had a long and successful practice.

When I located in Jackson, Minn., in June 1870, Dr. Moville of Maine had but recently returned to his native state. Dr. Foster was then quite an old gentleman who cared more for his drug business than he did for his medical practice. In '72 he moved from Jackson to Heron Lake, opening a drug store and was the "pioneer physician" of that section.

Dr. Ballard located in Estherville in 1869, dying some years since. I doubt if any physician ever had a more faithful and trusting clientage.

The county officers kindly gave me the office of County Superintendent for which I received the munificient sum of $200. This and what little I received from my practice I made out to live. In the Spring of '77 I came to Spirit Lake establishing the first permanent drug store in '78. I have ridden many hundred miles when mercury was 30 degrees below zero. Often had rides of 20 to 30 miles when it was 40 below zero. Over the boundless snow with nothing but the twinkling stars above as my guide. I have seen so much suffering and sorrow that if I had my life to live over, the last career I would choose would be a medical one. At the same time the friendships I have found, is a satisfaction when I think I have a right to believe I have been of some use in alleviating pain and restoration to health. These things have been more satisfactory than money could be. Think of it! In those early days we knew almost nothing of anti-septics when the terrible diphtheria scourge made mourning in every home. We fought it with nothing but chlorate of potash, carbolic acid, whiskey and quinine. Finding my stock short I sent Leslie Lemon on a pony to Jackson after more, but the roads were so bad he left the horse at the head of the lake and went on afoot.

E. L. BROWNELL.

THE PIONEER SCALE KEEPERS.

Early in the year 1873, some of the residents of the little village of Spirit Lake thought they would like to have a singing school and the writer was asked to teach the class. The school was held at the residence of Mr. Palmer, a merchant and post master, who lived in the back part of the store building. It was a great success closing with a musical program which was much enjoyed by the listeners. The Union Sunday School was organized soon after the close of the singing school and was a source of much profitable pleasure, both musically and socially. Many old time residents remember that Sunday school with great pleasure.

G. S. NEEDHAM,
Early, Iowa.

THE EARLY SINGING SCHOOL.

The first real "Singing School" — to my knowledge — was taught by Ellis Smith at Lakeville, winter of 1869.

Later G. S. Needham taught at Spirit Lake.

In 1876 the "Leslie Musical Troupe" aroused the dormant musical ability of Spirit Lake with good results.

A year or two after a law was passed allowing school boards to employ teachers of special branches. The undersigned obtained a certificate of Superintendent H. C. Crary and taught singing schools in Milford, Okoboji, Richland, Lakeville, Diamond Lake, Silver Lake and Center Grove Townships.

This swinging around the "Musical Circle" in early days, undoubtedly accounts for the later exhibition of great musical talent for which Dickinson county is noted.

H. J. BENNETT,
Quartermaster, Soldiers Home.

BOARDING 'ROUND.

While much has been said and written derogatory to the old time custom of "Boarding 'Round"— to me — it has its pleasant features also.

For ten months during the years of 1869 and 1870, I taught in Spirit Lake and "boarded 'round." I thus became acquainted with the parents as well as the children.

All — without exception — gave me a warm welcome, and received me so cordially that it was a pleasure to be with them.

Many of the happiest memories of my school teaching days are of the hours spent in their homes, and I shall always think of them with pleasure.

MRS. S. E. PILLSBURY BENNETT,
Marshalltown, Iowa, April 2, 1906.

ART TALK.

Mrs. Sully's Art Studio.

"We're made so that we love first when we see them painted things we have passed. Perhaps a hundred times — nor cared and so they are better painted — better to us to see. God uses us to help each other so lending our minds out."—BROWNING.

The objects that form our material environment exert upon us an influence not to be withstood, as much care and judgment should be bestowed upon the objects with which we surround ourselves, as upon our books and companions. Learning to draw when once the stage of educating the hand alone is passed tends to open the mind to true value of nature and teachers respect for the work of men's hands which is one of the most valuable lessons to be learned. The power either to draw or to appreciate art and nature is and must be the result of education. It needs but little consideration to appreciate the stupendous power of drawing for there is nothing in the visible universe or in the imagination

from the finest shell to man's conception of the Deity that cannot be represented and made manifest to others by this simple means. To be able to draw well imparts to a person correctness of observation in our early days, the influence of elementary art education could be ignored and to the great loss of the country it was ignored.

Carlyle tells us that in his early days he desired to learn the art of drawing but that in the circumstances of his life there was no possibility, and that it had been to him a life long regret. He said, he believed no man ever took more pleasure in reading than he had done all his life and that most of what he knew had been obtained from books but were he asked which alone would be of most advantage to a man during his life for sharpening his faculties giving him a clearer perception of fact and a love of truth the power to read or the power to draw, he should say drawing was the most valuable.

Drawing enters largely into all human affairs from the humblest objects of daily use to the loftiest conceptions of the soul. In our arts and crafts studio we aim to impress on all we teach that people do not have to have works of art and that if they are not well done there is no excuse for their being. We try to find out what each one can do best and then encourage each to do their best. We enjoy our work and never, advise anyone to do the work that does not.

Most people can do something useful if they try — all children practically can be trained to technical skill which will render work an artistic enjoyment, not drudging when all are able to work usefully and see joy in useful work. It will cease to be the age of "graft" art thrives greatly only amid simple surroundings. Art teaches us to appreciate the beauty of the lowly the "flower in the crannied wall" to consider the lilies.

MRS. A. M. SULLY.

LEGEND OF CENTER LAKE.

Miss Lettie Condiff.

In the wigwam of her father, on the shores of lake attraction, lived an Indian maid, Monota. Loved the trees and bright blue water, lived contentedly and happy; 'till one day an old war chieftain wished to marry bright Monota. Brought rich gifts to be paid for her. When the old chief had departed Monota cried she could not wed him, but the father said "We cannot break the custom of our fathers to give back his furs and presents." Then Monota knew it must be, quickly leaped into her canoe, pushed it out upon the water, and returned not; for the lake god, the god who is called Mianto, called her, took her, kept her always. Every spring the Indians tell us each night in the Moon of Flowers you may see upon the waters the shadow of lost Monota.

ECHOES FROM THE WILD WEST.

UNCLE SAM'S POSTAL SERVICE AT SPIRIT LKKE.

HOME MEMORIES.

Having passed my early childhood in the beautiful village of Spirit Lake, and living at the present time within the majestic grandeur of the awe inspiring mountains of the San Juan district, with mail service cut off by snow slides. The thermometer ranging from 20 to 34 degrees below zero, for six weeks, and a blizzard raging the like of which I never saw before. The snow about my door is at least 7 feet deep. You will not wonder my missing the serene and sunkissed lakes, which surround you on every hand, the luxuriant foliage of the grand and noble trees over park and grove, the annual ever blooming flowers, the luxuriant gardens, the vast expanse of well kept lawns, which to my mind; go far toward "making up the joy of living."

It is not to be wondered at the popularity the Dickinson County summer resorts enjoy, for they are inhabited by an intelligent and refined class of people, who have modern conveniences, surpassing places many times its size, and who have labored incessantly for the development of the Lake region.

With fond memories of home and friends,

OLIVE E. WRIGHT GRAY,
Silverton, Colorado, Jan. 18, 1906.

P. S.:— Now mother don't charge me five or six dollars for these few lines, for I am not a doctor, therefore I do not value them very highly.

I never could say much in a few words. If you had limited me to five hundred words I would have written a whole lot and not had it amount to much either, but after limiting me to so small a space be sure you put it all in.

BASKET BALL.

The Spirit Lake High School organized its first basket ball teams in the Spring of 1902, though they were short lived the enthusiasm realized then prompted us to organize the present teams which we did in 1905—the Reds and the Whites—and which, to the coaching of our efficient umpires, Miss Barnum and Mrs. R. S. Whitley, we owe our splendid record.

The trials and vicissitudes we endured are unrecallable, when we played we played.

On one occasion the whites were being worsted—one had fainted, the strongest centre had the nose bleed, a goal defender had slipped her knee cap and the captain had a sprained ankle, we called for time revived the fainting, bound up the wounded and at the end of the game gave an honest yell of victory.

"Failure" was a word unknown to either side.

LALIVE BROWNELL.

In spring time, joyous spring time,
We basket girls all play,
Thro' frisky, showery April
And the smiling days of May.

There's nothing equal to it—
The High School campus ground—
'Mid birds and bloom the month of June,
Too soon comes rolling 'round.

WEST OKOBOJI, THE ANNAPOLIS OF IOWA.

Of the many spots where nature has been most lavish none has received more from her hand than our own "Lake Region." Yet the people of this state have hardly begun to appreciate the resources there are here undeveloped. No more beautiful and inspiring spot could be found for a great institution of learning.

The unparalleled growth of our great nation is calling for more men and women better equipped for work in every branch of our government. Our navy is advancing by leaps and bounds. More men must be trained to command our great warships. Iowa has always done her duty whenever the nation has needed men. In what better way can she serve her country than by establishing on West Okoboji a State Naval Academy to be the little Annapolis of Iowa!

MRS. J. R. SCHOFIELD.

BASKET BALL GIRLS.

Illustration on opposite page—1 Miss Rene Morris, 2 Miss Pearl Reigard, 3 Miss Essie Atkins, 4 Miss Mary Ferguson, 5 Miss Addie Clark, 6 Miss Beaulah Brown, Miss Madge Merrifield.

Illustration on page 39 1 Lalive Brownell, 2 Ruth Brownell, 3 Leontine Sperbeck, 3 Bessie Stapleton, 5 Francis Carlton, 6 Bell Grealtrax.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Reading from left to right, top row—Miss Bessie Ellison, teacher of languages; Miss Madge Rubenbrod, 4th grade; Mr. Ehret, High School; Miss Esther Bergman, 2nd grade.

Middle row—Miss Jennie Colthurst, 3rd grade; Miss Ida Dubois, 6th grade; Mr. C. J. Buoyington, Professor; Miss Edythe Acheson, 3th and 9th grades; Miss Grace Thompson, 3rd grade.

Bottom row—Miss Cleora Lemon, 5th grade; Miss Mary Chisholm, primary.

A GLIMPSE OF SPIRIT LAKE NINETEEN YEARS AGO.

When my people came to Spirit Lake nineteen years ago, allured by the same beautiful lakes which enchant the tourists to-day. Then as now they were annually sought by hunting parties, their wooded shores decked with tents. Those who came told of the health and pleasure gained by our altitude, and pure air, to doubting friends. "The Fairy Story" was looked into — finally believed, now the lake shores are nearly surrounded by cottages, hundreds coming annually, gaining elasticity of mind and body by their annual outing at our gem decked lakes.

MRS. J. H. DIEBNER.

J. R. SCHOFIELD'S CHAT.

"To him who in the love of nature holds communion with the visible forms, she speaks a various language."— Bryant.

These thrilling words of the poet might well have been inspired by the generosity with which nature has endowed the beautiful Lake region in the midst of the great wide prairies of the American plains.

Whether it be in the more serious contemplation of the infinite power and goodness of the creator, shown in the continued and orderly working of the forces of nature throughout the ages of the past. The great glaciers crept down from the frozen North bearing their burden of rocks and sands. The bright and cheerful warmth from the southland met and conquered the north leaving a wealth of material to form these beautiful hills and lakes.

Whether it be more in the pleasureable enjoyment of the efforts of nature at beautifying herself.—The candid mind cannot but be elevated and lead away from the morbid consideration of his own petty hills, in the enjoyment of the riches and beauties of nature. He forgets his cares and in spite of himself is a better and happier man for having been here.

J. R. SCHOFIELD, M, D.

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THE PIONEER GIRL'S CLUB.

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1 Mesdames C. T. Chandler, 2 H. A. Miller, 3 Albert Arthur, 4 S. L. Pillsbury, 5 B. E. Nefyger, 6 A. M. Johnson, 7 J. S. Everett, 8 E. L. Brownell, 9 A. W. Osborne, 10 Hattie Sanford, 11 T. J. Francis, 12 E. G. Blackert, 13 H. F. Ferguson, 14 A. O Stevens, 15 A. F. Bergman, 16 G. E. O'Farrell, 17 Naomi Beebe, 18 A. B. Funk, 19 L. H. Farnham.

THE SPIRIT LAKE PIONEER GIRLS' CLUB

was organized January 12, 1894, with 18 members, namely:

Ella Arnold Stevens, President.
Hattie Kingman Farnham, Vice President.
Amma Moltt Miller, Secretary.
Minnie Bingman Bergman, Assistant Secretary.

Naoma Arnold Beebee,	Dena Barkman Funk,
Eunice Frances Brownell,	Mattie Frances Smith,
Pearl Arnold Furgeson,	Ella Crandall Johnson,
Alice Crandall,	Carrie Abbott Everett,
Millie Baxter Reed,	Heattie Arnold Sanford,
May Abbott Blackert,	Addie Barron Chandler,
Heattie Crandall Nefzgar,	Mary Jamerson Arthur,
Mrs. S. L. Pillsbury,	T. J. Francis,

Sarah Swailes.

Later Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Narey joined our ranks. The object of the organization was both social and literary benefit, to re-establish the friendship of the girls of pioneer days.

The motto chosen was "Loyalty Binds Us." The program for each meeting was as follows: Response to roll call by quotation from the works of the author to be discussed at that meeting. The subject to be under the leadership of two ladies, one giving a sketch of the Authors' life and the other to read a poem or article from his pen, after which followed an open discussion by the circle.

Last — but by no means least — lunch was to be served by each hostess with as little or much style as she deemed necessary (considering

the distinguished guests, distinguished chiefly for their age), but was limited to six or less articles of food. Any one overstepping this limit was to be subjected to a fine of not less than one dollar or confinement in the county jail for an indefinite period. Needless to say that girls who had lived in Iowa in grasshopper times, when salt pork and potatoes with sorghum molasses for dessert, was considered living on the top shelf, thought this a positive feast and never (?) broke the rule.

While the club was still new the members gave a banquet to 250 guests in the Crandall House. This was considered quite a success and "the girls" were justly proud of their efforts.

Death first entered our ranks in May 29, 1898, Janette Osborne, one of the oldest of the members passed away. Again in October, 1901, the 22nd, the dread angel passed and took one of our brightest and best loved sisters, Carsie Everitt, after an illness of a few short days.

Since beginning this article the sad news came from California of the death of Eunice Frances Brownell, April 11, 1906.

As three of our members have been thus removed and at least four others have gone to other towns to live, the club has disbanded. But all agree that those meetings were bright spots in the work-a-day life, and that we are all better and perhaps (some) wiser for the P. G. C.

By MRS. G. A. O'FARRELL.

SPIRIT LAKE.

It has ever been the custom of men to take from their business life each year a period for recreation, seeking some place of pleasure for the restoration of tired brains and worn out tissue. They go up from all parts of the world to the mountain lakes, where the air is freshest, purest and best.

As Lake Geneva stands to the world so Spirit Lake holds her position in Iowa. She is the highest and best of all our lakes, having miles of sandy beaches, so smooth a child can play in fresh water without danger. Her shores are surrounded by a large body of natural timber, giving beautiful camping grounds. Her altitude is higher than her sister lakes. Her rippling waters speak to the people of Iowa inviting them to the pleasures which she holds for them.

G. G. FITZ, M. D.

CLUB LIFE.

That club life is helpful to women is no longer questioned. It has been tried and tested. It gives opportunity for women to meet at stated intervals and read up the Works of Art, or the writings of favorite authors and discuss their beauty, or their fault. The interchange of ideas naturally causes intellectual effort and enlarging her mind instead of being warped, and narrowed, by the domestic duties, which bind many a woman in her home as with band iron. Club life, and club work has greatly developed in the last twenty-five years and no one questions its usefulness that has ever come into contact with it, in any of its many forms. It has been a great stimulus and factor in the intellectual life of the country. It has encouraged wives and mothers to use their leisure for mental improvement that they could get in no other way, making them stronger and better. By club life we understand the association of women for study and self culture, it brings us in contact with many subjects, such as civic improvement in our village, child labor, and in many clubs sanitary interests have been awakened in the home, towns and cities. And the purity of food has awakened an interest which tend to the making of happier homes.

MRS. H. E. HOWE,
Court St., Spirit Lake, Iowa.

WHAT THE EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS DONE FOR SPIRIT LAKE.

The Spirit Lake Epworth League was organized in 1892. In a social way it has provided entertainment for the young people. We have had several county conventions which were very inspiring and helped the young people of other places.

It has benefited some by visiting the sick and bestowing on the poor.

The devotional meetings have been very helpful; some have come into the church by their influence and one who was very dear to us, who has gone to her Heavenly home, was led to Christ by the influence of the League and for aught we know others may have been influenced through our league to renounce sin and become followers of the meek and lowly Jesus.

JESSIE REEVES,
North Anna St., Spirit Lake, Iowa.

THE SPIRIT LAKE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's Club of this place was organized in 1901, and was federated with I. F. W. C. in the same year. The Club began its career under very favorable auspices, with Mrs. H. E. Howe as president.

The list of members included the ladies identified with the history and progress of the town, thus affording a guarantee for the stability and worth of the movement.

The Woman's Club has not confined itself exclusively to the cultivation of the intellect, realizing fully that there are other matters pertaining to the welfare of the home, the town and community at large, possessing urgent claims to the consideration of the thoughtful woman of today.

A broadening comprehension of the value of practical matters is manifest in the selection of such topics as household economics, child study, nature study, etc., in the course of study marked out from year to year. The Club has also, from time to time, lent a generous and willing hand in aid of the Library movement.

Though the personal of the club has changed somewhat, as is natural, its impetus onward and forward is not impeded, the members working with good will and in harmony toward higher ideals.

Following is a list of presidents: Mrs. H. E. Howe, Mrs. W. C. Booth, Mrs. E. L. Brownell, Mrs. L. E. Francis, Mrs. W. F. Carlton.

Club colors, pink and white; Club flower, carnation.

Club Motto: In great things, unity,
In small things, liberty.
In all things, charity. (Signature) J. O. C.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. F. CARLTON.

WOMAN'S CLUB PRESIDENTS.

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1 Mesdames H. E. Howe, 2 E. L. Brownell, 3 L. E. Francis, 4 W. F. Carlton.

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THE P. E. O. OF SPIRIT LAKE.

Chapter B. E. of P. E. O. was organized November 1, 1897, by Mrs. Julia Robinson, of Waterloo, at that time state organizer. She was ably assisted by the officers of the Spencer Chapter, who, as trains did not run conveniently, braved a long, cold ride to send B. E. on its way rejoicing.

The Charter members were Mrs. Merryfield, Mrs. Dexheimer, Mrs. Slattery, Mrs. Stowe, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Keiser, Mrs. Fountain and, Mrs. Sully. Mrs. Hayward was first president, followed by Mrs. Keiser. Mrs. Dexheimer, Mrs. Slattery, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Davidson. Mrs. Davidson is our president now, having just been unanimously re-elected. Of all the thirty initiated members, eleven have been lost by removal and two by dimit to other Chapters. Sorrow has touched us once. Tho. at the time of her tragic death Mrs. Nellie Fountain was a member, by dimit, of a Des Moines chapter. She was one of our Charter members and ably bore her part in the earlier and harder years. Faithful to every trust, and always genial and kindly. Her loss by removal was much regretted and her death sincerely mourned. Chapter B.E. appreciates its exceptional facilities for meeting P. E. O's from many chapters.

A number have homes on West Okoboji and Spirit Lake, and many others visit the resort each season.

Visiting P. E. O's are cordially invited to attend any of our meetings.

MRS. WM. HAYWARD.

THE PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE P. E. O.

Illustration on opposite page,

1 Mesdames Wm Hayward, 2 W. F. Dexheimer, 3 S. Kelser, 4 P. R. Merryfield, 5 W. P. Slattery, 6 W. C. Booth, 7 W. T. Davidson.

THE LADIES LAKESIDE CLUB OF ARNOLDS PARK.

1 Mesdames Emma Rolf, 2 Eunice Arnold, 3 Emma Hallet, 4 Fannie Butler, 5 Jennie Allen, 6 Lucy Hall, 7 Nettie Smith, 8 Mae O'Farrell, 9 Annie O'Farrell, 10 Margaret Broyious, 11 Susie Bascomb, 12 Ella O'Farrell.

THE L. L. C.

The Ladies' Lakeside Club was organized in 1893. Its origin was due to a suggestion for a club made by Mrs. Ada Sharp to her neighbors, and she invited them to meet at her home for the purpose of organizing. The result of the meeting is that from that time we have miantained a nice little club of twelve members, meeting every two weeks for the purpose of friendship and sociability. We organized with a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and our membership was limited to twelve members. If a member is absent three months without sending a

quotation or attending one regular meeting her place is declared vacant and a name is suggested and voted on to fill the vacancy. The hostess has the privilege of inviting in friends if she chooses. Each member is taxed the small sum of five cents for our little teas, and in looking back over the years, the club is surprised at the good that has been done with our mites. I mention one or two things that the money has been spent for. We purchased the bell that now hangs in our little church, contributed twenty-eight dollars toward the Jews and expended ten dollars in another direction, besides many other benefits that cannot be mentioned. On New Year's eve the ladies entertain their husbands and families at a banquet, the expenses of which are paid out of the treasury. Once annually when the busy season is over we have our club picnic, inviting our friends, taking steamer for some one of the best hotels about the lake, where we have our dinner, always spending the day at West Okoboji. Our little beginnings have met with great success and gone beyond all expectations. We have continued to meet regularly through all these years and many of our most pleasant memories are associated with the L. L. C. of Arnold's Park.

MRS. EUNICE ARNOLD,
Arnold's Park, Iowa.

"THE CRAWFORDS"

1 Miss Edith Moshier, 2 Mrs. John A. Miller, 3 Mrs. B. B. Steenburg, 4 Mrs. Joe Oehls, 5 Mrs. L. E. Francis, 6 Mrs. C. H. Copley, 7 Mrs. E. S. McGrew, 8 Miss Alice Crandall, 9 Mrs. W. T. Stapleton, 10 Miss Alice Kelsey.

L. B. U. CLUB.

1 Mesdames John A. Miller. 2 A. M. Johnson. 3 L. H. Farnham, 4 H. A. Miller. 5 B. B. VanSteenburg. 6 C. T. Chandler. 7 P. E. Narey. 8 C. H. Copley. 9 C. E. Narey. 10 C. G. Blackert. 11 W. T. Stapleton, 12 Miss Alice Crandall. 13 Mrs. E. C. McGrew. 14 Mrs. A. F. Bergman.

THE BERGMAN HOMESTEAD.

My grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergman, came in the autumn of 1869 from Hanover, Germany, settling where we live now, leaving a good home in their native land and finding upon their arrival a log cabin with a ground floor. They remodeled this so it was very comfortable. In 1882 built the large frame house which is still our home. My papa's name is George Bergman. My grandmother will be 88 this summer. Our climate can't be beat. Any one looking for gold mines can find them right here by simply rolling up their sleeves.

IDA BERGMAN.

THE CATHOLIC SOCIETY OF SPIRIT LAKE.

Unlike the greater number of Northwestern Iowans, the early Catholics of the vicinity in and about Spirit Lake were of French and Canadian extraction instead of Irish, however, the sturdy Irish reinforced their limited ranks in later years and proved loyal supporters of their faith.

The first priests who attended the spiritual wants of these pioneers journeyed from Fort Dodge. In the early seventies Father J. J. Smith, the veteran priest of Emmetsburg, then the only priest in Northwestern Iowa, made periodical visits and gathering a few of his people together, celebrated mass in their homes. The services were most frequently held in the home of Olive Sarazine.

In 1881 Rev. M. K. Norton, the only resident priest ever living in Spirit Lake, was stationed here and given charge of the surrounding parishes. In the spring of 1882 Father Norton and a few of his parishioners collected $159 to build a church. A beautiful plat of ground, situated North Hill street, was generously donated by B. B. VanSteenburg, Sr., and upon this site the modest, little white church was erected.

Father Norton remained in Spirit Lake until 1887 when he was succeeded by Rev. L. Carrol of Spencer. The same priest attended Spencer, Milford and Spirit Lake until 1898 when the Spirit Lake parish was placed in charge of Rev. M. R. Daly of Estherville.

For two years this good man worked faithfully and lovingly among his people. In December, 1900, he was called by his Divine Master to his eternal home, leaving sorrow to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

His brother, the present incumbant, Rev. John R. Daly, took immediate charge after the death of Father Michael.

The Spirit Lake Congregation consists of about twenty-five families.

Services are held every third Sunday in the month. In summer the hour is 9:30, in winter 10:30.

Sunday school is immediately after mass on Sunday.

MRS. T. E. BURT,
North Anna Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

WOODBINE LODGE, WEST OKOBOJI.

IOWA HEALTH RESORT.

It is a well known fact that the air close to large bodies of water is rich in ozone, relatively free from carbonic acid gas, from dust and floating micro-organisms. If, at the same time, there be an elevation above sea level of about 1200 feet, then the lessened density of the air and its lessened capacity for water vapor would increase the purity of the air still more. The air being lighter would be less able to hold in suspension the dust and bacterial particles which come partly from the soil and partly from human excertia.

That the bacteria are much less in number than in the street air of large cities has been shown by examination. The air of the city streets examined, in each ten feet of centimeters contained 5500 bacteria, while at one of the lake hotel corridors showed but 600 and in the open air but 25 bacteria in the same volume of air.

The tempature of the air at this elevation is relatively lower, (temperature taken in the shade) while the heating power of the sun is much great-

er. As a result people may live in comparative comfort during the hottest weather. The nights are always cool and it would be uncomfortable to sleep without blankets. During the day delightful cool breezes temper the sun's heat.

The lessened air pressure causes a moderate increase in respiratory activity, each respiration being much deepened. This form of lung gymnastics is very beneficial.

The pulse rate is also increased as well as the general effectiveness of the circulation, which stimulates all the vital functions and produces more active tissue metabolism. Naturally more carbonic acid gas is excreted.

Owing to the more active general circulation and the lessened atmospheric pressure the skin also has a more active circulation, is better nourished and is very much strengthened.

As a health resort the lakes are useful in the following classes of diseases: Incipient tuberculosis, anaemia and scrofulosis and acute and chronic skin diseases. It is specially indicated for those who are suffering from palpitation or other neuroses of the heart. It is also useful in functional heart weakness and in fatty heart caused by anaemia.

Those coming here soon notice a sense of exhileration and well being, the appetite improves, tissue metabolism is greater, as is also the excretion of waste products, while all the bodily functions are performed in a more normal manner. The weight soon begins to increase.

To those who are well, but need a rest and a change, there can be no more delightful place to spend the summer vacation. Fishing and boating are excellent, the scenery is beautiful, and with the large number of hotels and boarding houses to select from, each one can find surroundings congenial to his tastes.

DR. FERDINAND J. E. SMITH.
Chemical Laboratory, Drake University,
Des Moines, Iowa.

A ONE HOUR'S FISH STORY AT THE HEISER COTTAGE.

Dear Mrs. Wright:

Replying to your request for "a chat" on our experience at "the Lakes" and "the good times" we have had there, I'm sure it would take a big book to tell it all. For "the good times" have been all the time we have spent at the lakes.

Our first experience was in 1888, when we spent several weeks, living at the old Crandall Hotel and spending most of the time on East Okoboji. The water was high and we had splendid luck especially in "the Narrows," then a justly famous fishing ground. From my first sight of these beautiful lakes I was delighted and we all agreed it was the place for a summer home, but it was not till 1896 that we began regularly to spend our summers there. That summer we lived on Okoboji, at Hayward's bay, occupying the Francis cottage, since burned. I couldn't begin to tell you all that happened, but the baby opened the season by falling head first in the minnow box, which was exciting enough, but by no means the most exciting event that year.

The next summer we bought the Henderson cottage on the Isthmus at Spirit Lake and it has been our summer home ever since. Our custom

is to go early in May and stay till September 1st, and last year we stayed almost till November, and would have been glad to stay longer, finding the autumn when the air is so crisp and bracing to be in fact the most delightful time of the year. We marvel why people who could stay longer should stampede away on September 1st.

We all love the lakes. We are always so well and happy there. It's just like getting back home after a long absence. We hardly get settled for the winter before we begin to plan for the next summer at the cottage, and the next best thing to the delightful experiences of fishing, boating, and the thousand other employments of the Spirit Lake outing, is to recall it all and tell the stories over during the long winter nights. There should be no disputing about tastes, as the old proverb says, and every one has his favorite spot on the lakes, but to us there is no place like the Isthmus and the adjoining shores of Spirit Lake. To me it seems strange that so many Iowa people should go so far, to the Atlantic coast or Canadian or mountain resorts, when they have almost at their doors the beauties and pleasures of the peerless Iowa lakes, the most delightful summer outing places on the continent.

It wouldn't do to go to reminiscing about the details of our experience, pleasant, exciting, amusing or otherwise, for there would be no place to stop, and our experience has been much the same as that of all genuine Spirit Lakers who are always anxious only to get back again.

MRS. E. P. HEISER,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

JUDGE ZALA A. CHURCH'S CHAT.

I do not hesitate stating that Lake Okoboji is one of the most beautiful lakes in the western world. The Nature lover will find the lake about as it left the hand of the Creator. Here he will see the irregular shore hill and vale generally wooded that is the delight of those who feel to commune with that which is most high and pure. Here he can ramble and bring to his eye that natural picture that is the best in form and color; tints on the rolling landscape and in the wooded shore that rival anything in Yosemite or the Katskill. Sandy and gravel beaches; gradual sloping shores and abrupt rises with the forests of hard and soft maple, cedar and bass wood, oak and ash, elm and iron wood, incurving bays and jutting points, mineral springs and perfect drainage and absence of insects and swamps presents the ideal place for the Nature lover to rest and to build up from the losses from this active business life we lead.

Wild flowers of every hue and ever perfume are along its shores. Budding spring, ripening summer and finished autumn all give the wanderer a picture such as has never been placed upon the cloth of an artist.

For more than twenty years I have seen it grow and have never failed to appreciate its beauty and its adaptability to meet the wants of tired frame or sickness' results. Its charms have been so rich and so attractive that it has drawn to its shores the best people of the world. No man or woman can be criminal that is in love with Nature such as is offered without money and without price at Okoboji. I will pin my faith to the friends of the flowers and the trees and the waters of Okoboji. Her flowers and her waters are pure and her forests are "God's first temples." To the tired, the weary, the unsatisfied I recommend Okoboji.

ZALA A. CHURCH.

Jefferson, Iowa, 3/19/1906.

There is not in the wild world a lakelet so sweet,
As that lake in whose bosom the bright waters meet;
Oh, the last rays of feeling and life must depart,
Ere the bloom of that lakelet shall fade from my heart.

Yet it was not that Nature had shed o'er the scene
Her purest of crystal and brightest of green;
'Twas not her soft magic of lakelet or hill,
Oh, no — it was something more exquisite still.

'Twas that friends, the beloved of my bosom, were near,
Who made every dear scene of enchantment more dear,
And who felt how the best charms of Nature improve,
When we see them reflected from looks that we love.

Our loved Okoboji, how calm could I rest
On the bosom we love, with the friends we love best,
When the storm that we fell in this cold world shall cease,
And our hearts, like the waters, be mingled in peace.

MRS. ZALA CHURCH.

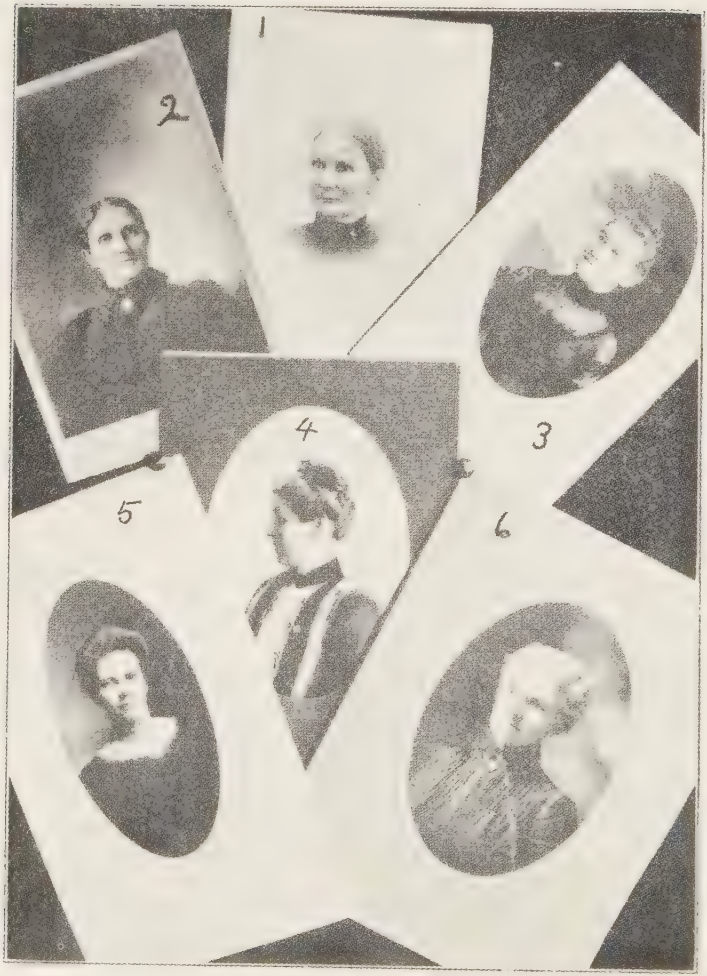
SPIRIT LAKE HOMESTEAD, NO. 273, B. A. Y.

The Spirit Lake Homestead and Brotherhood of American Yeoman was organized October 18, 1899, with sixty members. It is a fraternal insurance society with headquarters at Des Moines. The Spirit Lake society has had a good membership since the first; has never lost but two members by death in the seven years of its existence. It is increasing in membership at the rate of about 2,000 per month. Taking nothing but first class risks, its future is assured.

C. H. WILDER,
Correspondent.

REBEKAH PAST GRANDS.

1 Mrs. Art Gray, 2 Mrs. Dr. Schofield, 3 Mrs. Luther Slagle, 4 Miss Alice Crandall, 5 Mrs. Emma Geisel, 6 Miss Mae Russell, 7 Mrs. A. H. Betts, 8 Mrs. Chas. Linder, 9 Mrs. C. C. Hamilton, 10 Mrs. Sam Holcomb, 11 Mrs. J. E. Russell, 12 Mrs. Ezra Thornton, 13 Mrs. Sarah Kephart, 14 Mrs. Jennie Eychaner, 15 Miss Flo Hemenway, 16 Mrs. W. F. Beerman, 17 Mrs. Clarence Hill.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TWILIGHT CHAPTER, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR NO. 59, SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA.

Was organized in the year 1877 and worked under dispensation until February 26, 1880.

The first worthy matron under dispensation was Mrs. Fanny Jemerson.

February 26, 1880, a charter was granted them with Mrs. Anna Rice as worthy matron.

The following named persons have held the office of worthy matrons up to the present time:

Mrs. Francis I. Pillsbury,	Mrs. Hattie Lamham,
Mrs. Anna Palmer,	Mrs. Annie Miller,
Mrs. Emma Rector,	Mrs. Clara Davis.

Mrs. Clara Davis is the present matron. The chapter now has 92 members.

MRS. FRANCIS I. PILLSBURY.

WORTHY MATRONS OF THE EASTERN STAR.

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1 Mesdames Fannie Jemerson, 2 S. L. Pillsbury. 3 L. N. Farnham, 4 H. A. Miller, 5 A. E. Rector, 6 J. C. Davis

FRATERNITY CHAT.

Welcome, Brother!

Numerous are the invitations, hearty and sincere are the greetings to the visitor and sojourners at Spirit Lake and its resorts, but none more cordial or cheerful than those of its fraternal societies. Here the strife and dissensions of the world are shut out and fraternity is manifest as the common bond of humanity, each vieing with his neighbor in conveying good will or cheer to the stranger who has proved his right to fraternal recognition.

The principal fraternal societies are the Odd Fellows Encampment and Subordinate Lodge, the Masons Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen with their well trained corps of merry foresters, and the ancient order of United Workmen. The ladies are represented by the Rebekah Degree, Eastern Star and The Royal Neighbors.

One of the oldest organizations of Spirit Lake is Minnwaukon Lodge. Every Tuesday evening the visitor may see the three links illuminated, inviting him to join his brethren in the social bond of friendship, love and truth.

Lakeside Camp is the latest addition to the fraternal organizations of Spirit Lake. The meetings are held semi-monthly on the first and third Wednesday evenings in the I. O. O. F. Hall, where Odd Fellows who have attained the Royal Purple Degree may meet and share the hospitality of the worthy Patriarchs.

The Rebekahs meet in the I. O. O. F. Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

For many years the Knights Templars have held their annual conclave at Spirit Lake, and the attractions of Templars' Park have become so widely known that the spacious grounds can scarcely accomodate the plumed knights and fair ladies who annually resort to this shrine of health and pleasure.

"Charity that failed never,
Fall to worship at her shrine,
Here we bow, and pledge forever
Labor in her cause divine."

C. S. SHULTZ, M. D.

SPIRIT LAKE CHAPTER, NO. 132, ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Was organized May 24, 1901, under dispensation granted May 15, 1901, with the following officers: High Priest, C. I. Rigard; King, Q. C. Fuller; Scribe, T. E. Burt; Treasurer, J. W. Cravens; Secretary, W. A. Siddall; Captain of the Host, L. H. Farnham; Principal Sojourner, W. P. Stone; Royal Arch, Capt. A. B. Funk; Master 3d Vail, H. A. Miller; Master 2nd Vail, P. E. Narey; Master 1st Vail, A. M. Johnson; Guard, O. Crandall. These with Amil Hook and W. F. Pillsbury comprised the charter members. The officers at this time are: High Priest, Homer Lovesee; King, Theo. Strathman; Scribe, F. C. Smith; Captain of the Host, F. W. Jones; Principal Sojourner,———————— ——; Treasurer, J. W. Cravens; Secretary, T. E. Burt; Royal Arch Captain, H. H. Green; Master 3rd Vail, C. I. Rigard; Master 2nd Vail, C. L. Stoddard; Master 1st Vail, Clark Reed; Guard, C. E. Narey.

T. E. BURT,
Secretary.

THE WILSON HOMESTEAD.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Wilson settled on the West shore of Little Spirit Lake in 1869, coming from Preston, Minn., over the pathless prairie, with all our belongings packed in two covered wagons, a few head of stock driven behind. Myriads of water fowl covered pond and lake. Our house was built of logs, the lumber being hauled from St. James, 75 miles away. In father's absence mother and myself, a child, of three, stayed alone. Think of the courage it took to hear the howling of wolves and see the distant prairie fires knowing there was no one to protect, save God. The great sorrow of our lives was the death of my younger sister Rosa, who was fatally burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove at Lakefield, Minn., in 1890. As the years rolled on times grew brighter. In the Seventies' we had quite a little colony. We lived on the old homestead until my father's death in 1892. My brother Louis now lives there. My mother, who is seventy-four, is an honored member of my home.

MRS. LENA WILSON SMITH.

Reading from left to right—Russel Klein, Roy Roblin, Fred Gilbert. Catch was made at the narrows, East Okoboji, August 25th in four hours.

WOULD SPIRIT LAKE BE FAMOUS IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE CHAIN OF BEAUTIFUL LAKES BY WHICH IT IS NEARLY SURROUNDED?

Would Spirit Lake be famous if it were not for the chain of beautiful Lakes by which it is nearly surrounded?

To my mind it would be wholly unknown, a little back wood station, as little talked of as Montgomery. Fortunately it has a chain of the finest lakes on earth, giving more than twenty miles of waterway, delightful beaches, magnificent shade as a whole they are unsurpassed in scenic beauty. Spirit Lake almost round in form, the largest, is the most beautiful location to be found, for those who have been confined to large cities, the over worked and stuffy offices will find that a short rest at this delightful watering place with its beautiful drives, sandy beaches, excellent fishing and bathing will fill them with new life. When visiting the lakes let the North shore of Spirit Lake be your objective point. The best fishing ground for pike and pickerel to be found in any of the lakes. Its not uncommon for a tiny lass to bring in a string of perch or bass.

"The Bare Foot Boy" I vow is all right,
He hauls out Pickerel
From morn 'till night.

MRS EMMA GIESEL,
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

THE WEST SIDE HOTEL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Waniger are proprietors and managers of that famous summer resort, which has been favorably known for years as the West Side Hotel. It is situated on the Southwest shore of Spirit Lake, in one of the finest locations about the lakes, having been a popular resort for years. The grand old trees — Kings of the Forest — furnish deep cool shadows where the lake breeze is forever playing over the sandy beach, making the thirty sleeping rooms delightfully cool and pleasant. Large wide verandas, sample room and office furnish pleasant lounging places. A five minutes walk to Post Office, boat landing or depot. Rates $2.00 per day.

THE STEVENS HOME.

E. M. Scott, of Cedar Rapids, and myself own the five hundred and thirty acre farm, formerly owned by Ben. Stevens, of St. Louis. We have divided it in to three farms, 120 to 200 acres each, built good tenant houses, barns, etc., and have it rented.

W. W. WHITE.
Spirit Lake.

TEMPLAR PARK.

Templar Park consists of about thirty-seven acres including the high point on the west shore of Spirit Lake, and is the property of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

The annual grand conclaves are held at the Park commencing on Tuesday of the week following that of July 4th each year. The sessions usually continue four days with drill at 9 A. M. Business session at 10 A. M., band concert at 2:30 P. M., dress parade at 7 P. M., and an entertainment in the pavillion at 8 P. M.

The dining room seats 166 persons and is open during the summer season. The park is open to all Knights Templar of the State, their family and friends, who occupy the sleeping apartments, 146 in number, and tent on the ground.

The park is under the management of five trustees, one of whom is appointed by the Grand Commander each year and holds office for five years.

JUDGE D. W. CLEMENTS,
West Union, Iowa.

"CRANDALL'S LODGE."

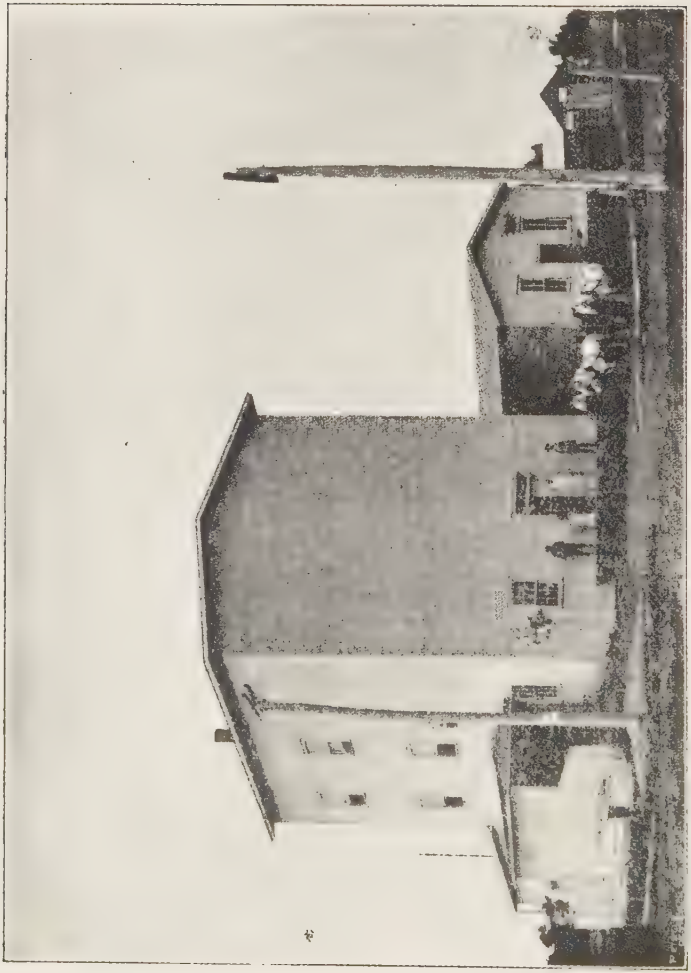
A MORNINGS CATCH AT CRANDALL'S LODGE.

Crandall's Lodge is situated on the North shore of Spirit Lake, having the advantage of a commanding view of the lake — it is one of the best known and oldest hotels about the lake — was built in 1879 by Orlando Crandall, who came from New York State to Spirit Lake in 1866.

BENEFITS OF A VACATION.

Those people who can throw aside cares and burdens for a time are the cultured, educated and strong; the best of people to associate with. The man who can drop work that requires the closest attention and the expenditure of great nerve force to come back and take it up where he left off, has considerable mastery of himself. The opportunity for unbending that a vacation affords, helps temper the steel of resolution for succeeding effort. What effect this character of summer population has on you permanent residents I know not, but hope it is profitable both financially and otherwise.

W. G. W. GIEGER.
Tipton, Iowa.



THE SPIRIT LAKE MILL.

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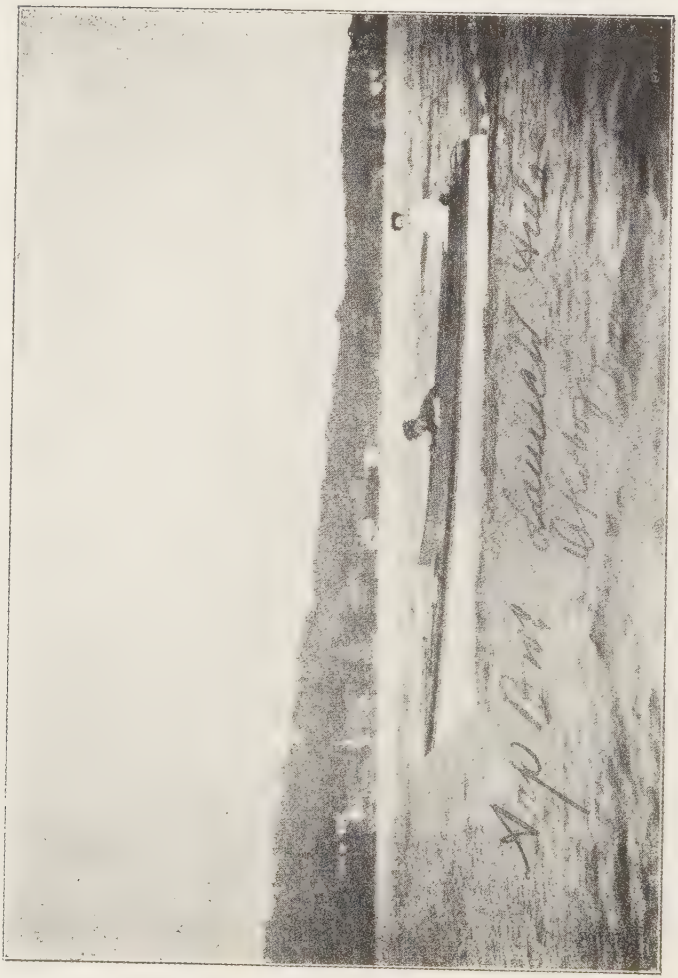
Spirit Lake flour mill was built in 1898. Commenced running April 26, 1898, has a capacity of 80 barrels per day. J. E. Russell is head miller, C. B. Hill the engineer, H. Lovesee, A. Hurd and A. H. Bitts are proprietors. Its firm name is Lovesee, Hurd & Co. They do a Farmers' Exchange and a Merchants' Business.

A. HURD.

A SUGGESTION FOR PROFIT.

West Okoboji is the home every summer of many people with a diversity of views; two classes, those who by early training and Christian principle do not wish to seek pleasure for themselves or their children by dancing and cards; the second class also by early training and a different view of life have instituted these lines of entertainment. I would suggest that the first class make an effort to provide healthful entertainment for their young people, either by providing a pastime that would be mutually profitable and agreeable to them and their friends, lectures, musicales or evening parties. Thus commanding the respect and fellowship of the best families who annually summer at the lakes.

MRS. W. C. DAWSON,
Algona, Iowa



BAY VIEW COTTAGE.
GIVENS' BAY.

Is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Orlando McDaniel of Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa; it was bought eight years ago. On retiring from the farm and looking for a place to spend the summer we came to this beautiful lake and found the Mecca. We have spent the time from May to October each year since, going each winter to some place where we could have mild weather, returning in the spring as the birds to ou to enjoy the fishing and outdoor outing, where we can entertain our friends, those who enjoy this kind of sport, during the heated term. Every year the lake seems dearer than ever. We are always glad when the time comes to return and sorry when we have to leave the cottage home.

MRS. C. E. McDANIEL.

A TRIP ON "THE OKOBOJI."

You have all a vivid remembrance, no doubt, of days when life was almost a burden, not a breath of air, not a leaf astir, breathing so difficult that fans, hats and newspapers were in continuous motion. It was such a day as this I accepted my husbands' invitation to join him upon a tour of the lakes upon "The Okoboji." As we left shore I noticed the waters of "Givens' Bay" were as smooth as glass, not a ripple to ruffle its tranquil surface. There had been high carnival at Spirit Lake by a tribe of Indians, headed by the noted chieftain "Heap Talk," who had cajoled them into risking their lives upon the bosom of the waves ere their return to target practice for the coming chase. They were transfered from the steamer Iowa and boarded Okoboji's decks. They were as evil a lot of looking redskins as you will find this side of the reservation and were in an hilarious mood, applauding every strain of music that kept time to the throbbing engines labored breathing. As we left the Arnolds Park landing, headed for Manhattan, a delightful breeze sprang up, ripples followed in our wake like a miniature milky way. A feeling of exhileration was experienced upon the waves to be found no where else.

MRS. FRED C. ROLF.
Okoboji, Iowa

EXPERIENCES WHILE BOATING

While a member of the Pittsburg Swimming Team on the Allagheny river I had some exciting experiences and witnessed many narrow escapes. It was my privilege to be an instrument of the All Wise Creator to save four of my comrades from a watery grave during our annual meetings. Four prizes were awarded to me for the long distance races. The water has so much fascination for me that in 1901 I began steamboating on West Okoboji.

CHARLES GIPNER.
Okoboji, Iowa.

JOLLY OAKS

Jolly Oaks, owned by C. E. Townsend of Anita, Iowa, is one of the most beautiful and picturesque points on West Okoboji Lake, and is situated three-fourths of a mile south of Arnolds Park on the east shore. The property has a lake front of 150 feet. Nature seems to have fairly outdone herself in modeling this lot to suit herself. The family consist of Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, Ross and Ray, their twin sons, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Russell (their daughter), and last but not least Miss Emily C. Russell, three years old, and Master Royce Russell, one year old.

C. E. TOWNSEND,
Anita, Iowa.

"THE INN"

THE INN.

The Inn will be more popular than ever this year, though that seems hardly possible, for it is the spot on the lake. Several new cottages have been built for the use of the guests who prefer rooms outside of the hotel. Fifty rooms have been added and private bath rooms have been placed in the building. The always pretty parlor has been doubled in size and many a jolly crowd will gather within its cheer. The location of the Inn is ideal. It is the recognized place for comfort, pleasure and rest. The efficient management of the S. T. Callender Co. will continue.

E. R. HUTCHINS.
Des Moines, Iowa.

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EGRALHARVE MINERAL SPRINGS.

Since the earliest settlements around the beautiful lakes, Okoboji and Spirit Lakes, the curative properties of this mineral spring, estimated to flow over 40,000 gallons per day, has been recognized as placing it among the most wonderful springs in the world. Situated fifty feet above the level of Lake Okoboji, it is only 400 feet from the shore line. A beautiful grove of natural timber on an elevation sloping toward the shore makes Egralharve one of the prettiest places on the lakes.

G. R. BADGEROW,
1705 Pearl Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE OF OKOBOJI

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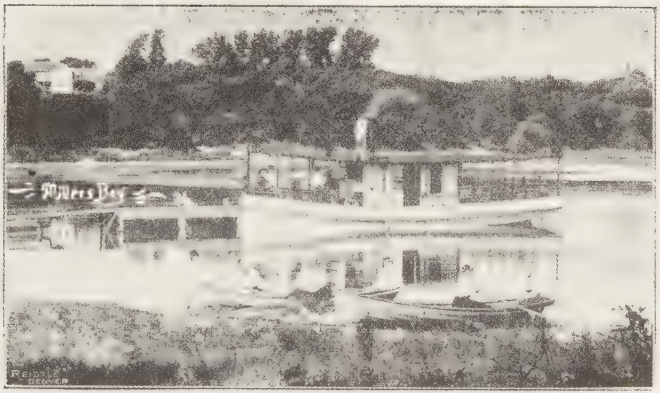
1 Mr. George Dimmit, 2 Mrs. George Dimmit, 3 Dr. F. G. Smith, 4 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schofield, 5 Mr. Fred Rolf, 6 Mrs. Fred Rolf, 7 Mr. L. F. Williams, 8 Dr. H. E. Hutchins, 9 Dr. B. O. Hoarde, 10 Dr. Mary Hoarde 11 Mr. W. G. W. Geiger, 12 Mr. Arthur Arp, 13 Judge Z. A. Church, 14 Mrs. Z. A. Church, 15 Mr. George Schramn, 16 Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wilson, 17 Mr. George Arp.

THE OAKS.

Having summered on West Okoboji several seasons and believing it to be the most delightful location we could find to establish a permanent summer home, we bought the beautiful cottage known as "The Oaks" at "Egralharve" situated on West Okoboji. The famous mineral springs at our door makes it a very desirable location. We are favored by an expansive view of the blue waters of the lake and the opposite shore, never tiring of watching the sail boats which remind one of white winged gulls as they skim merrily here and there, over the dancing waves.

Miss Katherine Cottrel, and Mr. Wm. Baker of Chicago, Ill. Miss Margaret Hallan Sioux City, Miss Bess Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Maunder and Miss Ruth Foster, all of Kansas City, Mrs. J. J. Amen and sons Harlan and Curtice, Missouri Valley, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Moorehead and daughter Helen and son Forrest and Mrs. M's sister Miss Maria Chapman, Ida Grove, Iowa visited us during our stay last summer at "The Oaks" enjoying the delicious pike, bass and pickerel generously supplied by our guests who worried the finny tribe almost daily with baited hooks coming back loaded down with such strings of beauties as would have made a king green with envy. We ladies spent our time as thousands of others do chatting, rowing, fishing, bathing, sailing, and automobiling, enjoying every moment till our departure came all to soon.

MRS. NOAH WILLIAMS
Ida Grove, Ia.



OBSERVATORY AT MILLERS BAY.

Dear Readers of the Blue Book:

From the highest point in Iowa, where the altitude is 1200 feet above sea level, upon "Willow Springs Farm," owned by the Harkers, stands an obesrvatory, from the door of which you can see six towns. Across the way is the little white school house where it has been my extreme pleasure to teach three and one-half years. Near by is the beautiful Miller's Bay beach, one of the lovliest spots on the West Lake. This has been the home of the Harker's for years and many who have come from city and hamlet throughout the state will testify to their gracious hospitality. Within easy distance is the Miller's Bay pier, where the Iowa touches twice a day. The lake is framed by a network of cottages all along the beach. In seeking a summer's home do not forget Miller's Bay, the lovliest point in all Iowa.

Yours respectfully,

LENORE DARE,
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

"MANHATTAN BEACH"

FISHING AND BOATING AT MANHATTAN.

At many of the popular water resorts of the country the fishing is no longer good and in few of them is there any sport worthy of the name. Not so in Okoboji and her sister lakes. The fact that the United States Fish Commissioner and the Iowa Fish Commissioner have taken special care to see that these waters are annually replenished with fish and that the Iowa laws against illegal fishing are enforced. The West Lake, with its nearly two hundred feet of water, provides excellent protection. So the fishing in Okoboji remains good, and many fine strings of fish are caught daily. Black bass, wall-eyed pike, pickerel, croppies, rock bass, perch and other game fish are taken in great numbers. The best fishing on the lake is in the vicinity of Manhattan, and a large proportion of the fish are caught on that side of the lake.

J. I. MYERLY,

THE HOME GARDEN.

Every home is sadly lacking unless supplied with a good garden. If it is properly treated it is both profitable and beneficial. It furnishes a variety of dainties not to be bought at the village store, for they are fresh, crisp and delicious, containing medicinal qualities promoting health making doctor visits few and far between. Located within easy reach of the kitchen door, it is one of the greatest pleasures to watch the green leaves poking their heads from the nicely kept rows and smiling at you, glistening with dew, repaying the earnest efforts with abundant success.

MRS. NETTIE DEEL,
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

MILLER BAY HOUSE.

For those who come to the lakes to rest and want a quiet place, none better can be found than the Miller Bay House. Good fishing, good bathing beach and plenty of shade. If you wish to cross the lake there are boats in and out almost any hour of the day. The "Iowa" makes the dock both morning and noon for her regular trip to Spirit Lake. This is not a summer hotel. It is a farm home and is occupied by us the whole year round. Our cream and milk comes from our own dairy herd. Our vegetables for the most part come from our own garden. We serve plain but substantial food and plenty of it at a moderate cost. Rates, $1.25 a day for board and room. A few cottages for rent. Lots for sale from Gull Point to Hotel.

F. E. GOODALE,
Route 2, Milford, Iowa.

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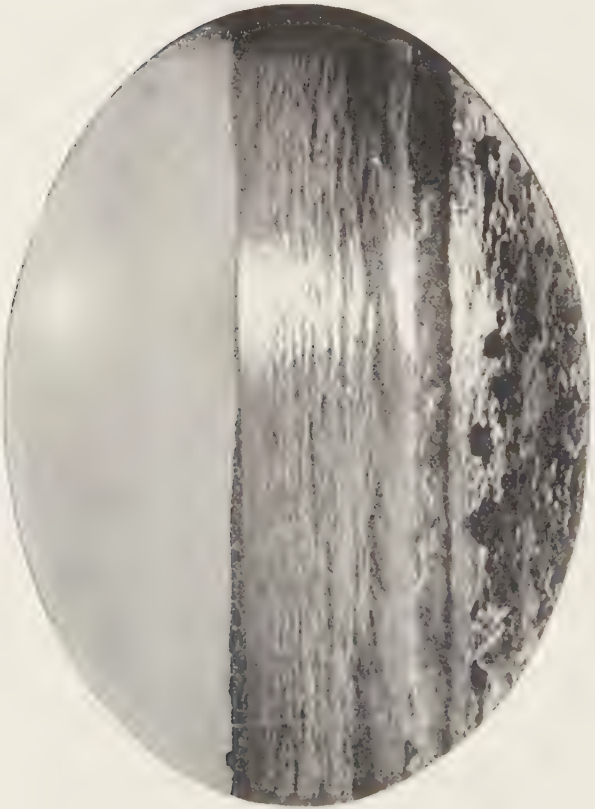
ROSE HILL FARM.

Dear Readers of the Blue Book:

I enjoy the privilege of an opportunity of giving my idea of the advantages my home has over other farm homes. First our location is pleasant and situated within a stone's throw of the greatest summer resort of the northwest, allows us to come in contact with people from nearly every state in the Union; therefore, we have the advantages of city life and the resort, and yet we have all the quiteness of farm life. A five minute walk will take us to the railroad depot, telegraph office, stores or steamboat landing. Last, but not least, "there's no place like home."

MRS. WOOD ALLEN, SR.



SUNSET ON WEST OKOBOJI

"OAK PARK," WEST OKOBOJI.

Dear Readers of the Blue Book:

Of the thousands of tourists who annually visit Lake Okoboji there are only a few who stop to learn the history or romance connected with the many points of interest, and which lends the principal charm to the true student of nature.

At the close of day the grandest of earthly sights is the sunset scene, followed by a lingering, dreamy twilight. The sunsets as seen from the east shores of Lake Okoboji are unsurpassably grand. The wonderous orb as it settles down from the circling canopy of deep red and blue clouds in the west, becoming more mellow and dispersed as the shadows stretch upwards and over terraces of darker and lighter hues, the waters beneath the dark green line of distant hills, becomes a sea of crimson and molten gold.

During the summer season, when the most of the world is sweltering, as in the torrid realms, a cool breeze is almost constantly blowing toward the heated surface of the land. When that delightful season, known as Indian Summer, with its calm, soft, hazy atmosphere, through which day after day, the sun shorn of its beams, rises and sets like a globe of fire, the delights are incomparable.

MRS. G. W. WHEELER.
Milford, Iowa.

Arnolds Park, Aug. 21st, 1898.

ARNOLD'S PARK, IOWA.

Where canoes once glided sail and steamboats and numerous watercraft rest upon the bosom of the gleaming waters. But there are still the mighty and magnificent oaks, the hill and vale, the bright and sparkling waters of West Okoboji Lake, unchangable in its beauty. Beautiful indented shores, sandy beaches, unchangable, the gem of all the lakes.

Mr. Arnold passed away on the 20th day of October, 1905, leaving his widow, Eunice E. Arnold, his three daughters, Ella A. Stevens, Hattie A. Sanford and Mabel Barden to mourn his loss. By energy and foresight and enterprise and a force of will interspersed with a spirit of bounteous hospitality he built up the vast summer resort business of Arnold's Park. He has seen it grow from a tangled wildwood to its present immensity. Arnold's Park, with its concessions, will be kept intact and the heirs will continue in charge of the operating and running of the Park, endeavoring to keep it to a high standard.

V. A. ARNOLD.

EARLY NAVIGATION.

In 1864 I came to Dickinson County and have been on the lakes boating most of the time. In 1874 I built my first boat, a small schooner rigged sail boat, afterwards sold to Mr Henry Baxter, I had rigged it over into a sloop. I carried the first pleasure seekers that were accommodated with boating, on a sail boat built by Mr. Tom Francis of Spirit Lake, and afterwards bought by me and run as a passenger boat between Arnold's Park and Spirit Lake. When we came here there was an old wooden bridge spanning the outlet between East and West Okoboji Lakes; the natural causeway running between the two lakes, south of the bridge having some very fine red cedar trees growing on it, and some quite large cottonwood trees. I have a photograph of the grade above referred to that I prize very highly. The fishing has always been excellent here in the Okobojis and Spirit Lakes. The depth of the water varies in the different lakes, that in West Okoboji being the deepest. I have sounded West Okoboji in many places. The greatest depth is 250 feet. The instrument used in sounding was a regular sounding bob and line. The

bottom of the sounding bob showed sand as white as granulated sugar. There is good fishing to be found in practically all the lakes, and to designate any particular spot would be superfluous, as it doesn't take an expert to bring in a good sized string of beauties from the pike, pickerel or bass families.

A. A. HENDERSON,
Arnold's Park, Iowa.

PILLSBURY'S POINT.

Pillsbury's Point, which is named after Rev. S. Pillsbury, is situated on West Okoboji Lake, and is one of the principal points of interest on the lake, and which affords the finest views of the lake. The shore rises in a graceful knoll, which makes an excellent site where there are now some of the finest cottages around the lake.

It the old log cabin just back from the point, where occurred the massacre of the Gardner family in March, 1857, was the home of the Pillsbury family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pillsbury, Samuel L., Wilbur F., S. Olin, Syrena E. and Esther J. Pillsbury, from the fall of 1863 to 1884. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pillsbury the point was sold to the Okoboji South Beach Company.

The stately old oaks that so completely shelter the buildings as to afford a most delightful shade and protection, where many gather from year to year for rest and recreation.

SAMUEL L. PILLSBURY,
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

"OAK HILL."

Dear Reader of the Blue Book:

It would be an unpardonable mistake to leave this "Ideal Summer Resort" unspoken of in this volume. On the western shore of Minawashta is beautiful "Oak Hill," approached by a path justly termed "Lovers' Lane." The entrance a superb gateway of oak. Inside the rustic portal rises a hill from the lake, leaving a terraced foothold from highway, overhung majestic branches of oaks. Near the gateway is a grotto encasing all the mystery of the place. The cottages on the hill are three in number with their divisions. Here the occupant can lounge free from noises, except the chatter of squirrels and song of birds, which help make the rest ideal.

BETH ALLEN SMITH.
Okoboji, Iowa.

MR. AND MRS. WM. GILLEY.

GILLEY'S BEACH.

Myself and wife came to the lake in 1889, and camped in Arnold's Park. We were so delighted with the lake, that the next summer we came again and brought our children and grand-children with us. One day while standing on the shore of the lake, I said to my wife that the God of Nature has planted a lake here on the highest elevation of land in the State of Iowa, the belt of native timber, the points and bays, and especially the deep, pure water, all contributed to make it ornamental and useful.

We were so much interested in the lake and its wonderful possibilities that we had a desire, a hankering for a summer home on the shore of this beautiful sheet of water. Later it came to pass, we purchased a few acres of land on the east shore, laid it out in lots and named it "Gilley's Beach."

In 1892 we built "Pioneer Cottage," where it stands today, surrounded by oak and elm and linden trees. Since that time neighbors and friends have gathered here and built a summer home. It is on this beach every year in the summer time we hold a reunion.

Last month we took a trip to the Pacific coast. Enroute we visited several lakes and summer resorts. After returning home from our western trip, we came back to our cottage and voted West Okoboji the queen of all the lakes we had seen.

WM. GILLEY,
Carroll, Iowa.

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R. S. WHITLEY, Sup't.
Ida Grove, Iowa.

I was much interested in the plan of your book and believe it will be a book that we have needed and one that will be appreciated and popular. I have always regarded the Lake region in Dickinson County as the best country in Iowa, and the people as the best anywhere, but no doubt that has been repeated by dozens already as it is so obvious. The next few years will see the Lakes of Dickinson County the most popular resorts in the West and deservedly so and perhaps your book will do much to hasten the time.

R. S. WHITLEY.

IN WINTER TIME.

We located at Lincoln Park in 1901, adjoining the beach named for the Lincoln, Nebraska, people. There has been volumes written extolling our summer season at the lakes, but few if any have described the natural beauty of West Okoboji when wrapped in robes of snow and coats of ice. If our summer residents imagine we have dreary winters, I wish to brush the delusion away, for when the busy season is over and we have our relaxation from work and worry. The permanent residents who live here because they love our winters, have the most delightful of times socially. The ladies entertain the different clubs and societies, having a continuous round of enjoyment. The young people gather in merry parties, for ice boating, and skating is a healthful and delightful means of enjoyment. Where the steamers ply merrily back and forth in the heated season, loaded down with picnic parties, the lake is thickly studded with fish houses, where buffalo spearing is a popular and profitable form of amusement

MRS. A. P. BROZIUS,
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

THE OKOBOJI YACHT CLUB.

During the summer of 1897, the Okoboji Yacht Club was organized. A series of ten races were held Monday and Thursday until finished, under the New York Club rules. Three silver cups were awarded the winners. The races were run annually In 1903 the rules were changed to the Inland Lake Yachting Association, used throughout the west. In 1903/4 John Hafer of Spirit Lake won the pennant with "Nebraska," now owned by Wm. Hayward, of Nebraska City. In 1905 Captain Zwilling of Marshalltown won the pennant with "South Breeze," now owned by E. B. Smith of Des Moines. In August, 1905, our first launch races were run under the National Power Boat Association rules. A number of boats participated, four first class, eight second class and three third class. The first class pennant was awarded to A. M. Johnson, Jr., "Japansky" of Spirit Lake. The second class to "Gertrude, "owned by J. A. Nash of Audubon, and the third to "Alice," owned by Mr. Hillman of Dennison.

A. M. JOHNSON. JR.,
North Hill Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

"RETURN TO SPIRIT LAKE"

'THE GOLDEN FEATHER"

CANARY LANDING.

Among the many delightful spots on the shores of WestOkoboji is Canary Landing, located on Cass Bay, near Pillsburys Point. From this landing it is but a few steps to the state monument and the Gardner cabin, where the massacre began. From the shaded lawn you can get a commanding view of the lake and the opposite shore from one to five miles distant where steamers and sailing vessels are constantly passing.

MR. and MRS. R. SCHOFIELD.
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Charles Jarvis, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Jarvis landed the above fine string at the narrows August 23rd in three hours. The largest of the string weighs eighteen pounds.

CHARLES H. COPLEY, born Feb. 25th, 1866. Died July 24th, 1906

HAYWARD'S BAY.

Hayward's Bay is celebrated for magnificent oaks, charming cottages, cheerful tourists, and eager woodticks. The Bay families are all highly respectable, decently prosperous, and composed mainly of girls. There are long and short girls, old and young, lean and fat, and homely and pretty (mainly pretty) ones. The men are chiefly conspicuous for their absence. Any that chance to be present are generally surrounded by sixteen or eighteen girls apiece, and appear at once bored and mildly flattered.

Since the Bay was platted and the first cottage built by Wm. Hayward, in 1894, the growth and improvement of Hayward's Bay has been highly gratifying. At present there are twenty-eight cottages, all ideal summer homes. The first years of cottage life on Hayward's Bay were pleasantly simple. We ate off dry goods boxes, slept on the floor, and found our old clothes very convenient. Now we are stylish. We have tables (with oil cloth on them), beds that appear rather civilized, and are obliged to wear garments that call for careful laundering and decent treatmnet. For the most part we are a gentle, harmless people, given to mild lakeside pastimes. We are all very neighborly. We exchange vinegar, spools of thread, ovens, talcum powder, and fudge, without flattering. Moreover, we all like one another immensely, and proffer every inducement to new comers, only stipulating that they be amiable and of good repute. Families containing young persons of the trousered persuation are offered tempting premiums. Altogether Hayward's Bay is—in the opinion of its loyal inhabitants — the jolliest, lovliest, and most pleasing spot on West Okoboji Lake, contrary opinion notwithstanding.

CORA HAYWARD.

MY FIRST VISIT TO OKOBOJI

Twenty-two years ago on the advice of friends I and my family made our first visit to Okoboji. We arrived at dark at the Okoboji station. The Smith hotel was full so we rode on top of our camping supplies, which were loaded in a farm wagon, bumping over many stumps to Dixon's Beach, where we spent the night at the farm house. Next morning we had our first view of the beautiful lake. We found the wooded slope full of campers. We pitched our tent then my son and I went fishing. With eleven minnows we caught sixteen good sized fish in fifteen minutes and were well satisfied with the sport. At this time not a cottage graced the shores of Okoboji. Here nature was enjoyed to the utmost, while the social world held sway at the Orleans and Spirit Lake. For two years after this I did not visit the lake, but since that time have not missed a season. My wife was an enthusiastic lover of the sport and a successful fisher. The site of our cottage was her choice of the lake shore. My friends say my annual visit to Okoboji have prolonged my life ten years and I well believe they have contributed to my ninety years. Some summers when I had nearly succumbed to the heat and felt unable to attempt the journey my daughters spurred me to the effort and within half an hour after reaching Okoboji pure air and cooling breezes, I felt revived, and in half a day felt like a new man. Some of my happiest days and pleasantest associations have been at Okoboji, and it is always with eagerness that I await each season's sojourn there.

GEORGE SCHRAMM.
1004 Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

SENATOR A. B. FUNK.

Among the well known men of Iowa, Spirit Lake can claim the honor of being the home of several. Among them Ex-Senator A. B. Funk the subject of this sketch is one of the most widely known public men in the state. He was born at Liberty, Illinois and emigrated with his parents to Estherville Iowa when a lad in his teens, beginning his Journalistic career in the office of the Northern Vindicator. He did his first compositing on the "Spirit Lake Beacon" in 1872 and in 1874, together with the gifted deceased Editor John A. Smith and a cash capital of fifty dollars and dauntless courage and plenty of nerve purchased the "Spirit Lake Beacon" and is its senior Editor at the present time, having been associated with E. G. Blackert for years. He was a delegate to the National Convention in 1884 and elected state Senator in 1887 serving his district faithfully and well for twelve years.

I believe he is the oldest Editor in point of service in this district, being a superior and gifted writer on the leading public and political questions of the day, and having very materially aided in shaping the political situation in Iowa.

ARNOLD'S PARK SUMMER RESORT.

Arnold's Park was one of the first stopping places from the first settlement of the county and is the pioneer summer resort of the lakes.

In the fall of 1864 Wesley B. Arnold, with his wife, Eunice E., located on the Okoboji Lakes on the present site of Arnold's Park. At that time Mr. Arnold obtained from the government the largest portion of the timber land between West and East Okoboji and Upper and Middle Gar Lakes. This was and is the most magnificent body of timber in this county. It was little thought at that time that the Lakes would become the most popular resort of the Mississippi Valley.

As early as 1873 hunting and fishing parties stopped with Mr. Arnold, some having camps of their own and others cared for by him. This resort has grown from a small 16 x 24 residence to the largest summer resorts about the lakes.

Upon the grounds of the Park in the years past the Indian wigwams dotted the landscape and fires blazed and burned within the tepees, smoke arose, the embers glowed and gleamed in the night. The Indian warhoop rent the air, the wild and wierd war dance oft held sway. The Indian medicine man practiced his mysterious incanations. Now the grounds are occupied by large buildings, and from stack and chimney ascends and circles in the air and twinkling electric lights are scattered through the Park and line the beautiful shores of the Lake.

JUDGE JOSIAH GIVEN.

We quote from the Spirit Lake Herald, August 28, 1903:

Among the many cottagers on West Okoboji none are more widely known than is Judge Josiah Given of Des Moines. He first came to the lake in the hot season of 1880, and has been in camp or cottage every summer since. The first six years the family lived in tents, of which the Judge had a complete outfit, which his six sons were trained to handle equal to circus showmen. In 1886 the Judge erected the cottage on McHenry's Point, now owned by Major McHenry of Dennison, to whom the Judge sold in 1894. In 1895 he purchased seven lots in the flat between Arnolds Park and Pillsbury's Point, and the same year erected his "Old Home" cottage on one of the lots. Since then he has erected seven

other cottages, all of which are completely furnished, lighted with electric lights, and provided with lake and well water, row boats, etc., and kept for rent. It is with these surroundings that the Judge, now seventy-eight, expects to find rest and recreation after his quarter of a century's service on the district and supreme bench of the state.

IN A SCHOOLHOUSE DURING A THREE DAYS BLIZZARD OF JANUARY 1873, IN THE TUSCULUM DISTRICT.

The morning of January 9th (ever to be remembered by those who endured the horrors of that storm) dawned bright and beautiful, a perfect winters day — so warm that children went to school with half their usual wraps, as every one that had business from home went — many never to return home alive. At noon it was warm and balmy, at 1 P. M. no child could venture out.

Burgess Jones, our teacher, went as his wife was sick. We children — about twenty — staid, and Mrs. Loomis (dear old woman), the nearest neighbor, sent us a dish pan full of pan cakes piping hot wrapped in a quilt to keep them warm and a roll of butter. Never was feast so good. On Friday morning the sun was clear and bright so that we made our way home much to the surprise and joy of our parents who had given us up for dead.

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Go to Okoboji Lakes so fair,
The Osteopaths are even there,
This is the latest growing fad,
If you are mad, or sad, or glad,
Or full of perch, or full of bass,
Go get rubbed by the Osteopath.
If you don't like your honey's tones,
Have him manipulate her bones,
For ills of spine, or arms, or legs,
The Osteopath can make new pegs,
Oh, no, 'tis not a growing fad,
But a growing science, and Begad,
If you are full of perch, or full of bass,
You had better consult an Osteopath.

MRS. M. A. HOARD, D. O.,
Cherokee, Iowa.

Graduate of the American school of Science and Bloodless Surgery. Osteopathy causes much comment and in answering some questions I penned these simple lines.

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No. C. 1, Manhattan Beach
West Okoboji, Iowa.

C

Frank Cook
No. B. 10, Manhattan
West Okoboji, Iowa.

J. D. Carpenter
No. A. 18, Manhattan
West Okoboji, Iowa.

F

Fred J. Frost
No. C. 1, Manhattan
West Okoboji, Iowa.

George L. Frost
No. C. 1, Manhattan Beach
West Okoboji, Iowa.

H

Mrs. Carrie S. Hurlburt
No. B. 1 Des Moines, Iowa.

Newton Hodgson
No. B. 2, Manhattan Beach

Henry Hode
No. B. 10, Manhattan Beach
West Okoboji, Iowa.

M

Mary Sears McHenry
No. A. 14, Manhattan Beach
West Okoboji, Iowa.

W. E. Morrison
No. C. 1, Manhattan Beach
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Mrs. Jennie C. Myerly
No. A. 16
Des Moines, Iowa.

Wm. A. McHenry
No. A. 10, Manhattan Beach
West Okoboji, Iowa.

P

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J. W. Pepperman
No. C. 1, Manhattan Beach
West Okoboji, Iowa.

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Lacrosse, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder
No. ...
Lacrosse, Wisconsin.

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Milford, Iowa.

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C

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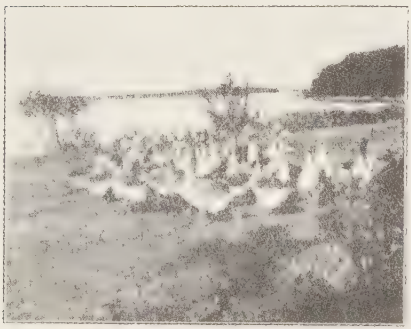

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L

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Mark Wheeler

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C

"Coleman Cottage"

Mr. and Mrs. M. Coleman
B 1
Marathon, Iowa.

"Comfort and Kozy Cottages"

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B 23
Carroll, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Culbertson
Carroll, Iowa.

D

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Danson and Mr. Butler
Algona, Iowa.

Mrs. Julia M. Deal
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E

G. A. Evans
"Sam Souci Cabin"
Lincoln, Nebraska.

From Striker's Park
Belle R. Eddy and Florence A. Gray
Larrabee, Iowa.

G

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gilley
B. 1, "The Pioneer," Gilley's Beach
Carroll, Iowa.

M

Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy
B 72
Jefferson, Iowa.

Judge J. H. Macomber
B 71
Creston, Iowa.

Occupied by
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pearsall
Omaha, Nebraska.

H. C. Macomber
F 74, "Edge Water"
Carroll, Iowa.

R

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Russell
Miss Emily C. Russell
Master Royce Russell
B. 89, "The Jolly Oaks," Gilley's Beach
Anita, Iowa.

S

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stevens
B 6 Carroll, Iowa.

T

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trobridge
B 10 Carroll, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Talbot
F 73 Ames, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Townsend
Ross Townsend
Roy Townsend
A 3, "The Jolly Oaks" Anita, Iowa.

W

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Whitman
B 1, "Dreamland Cottage"
Carroll, Iowa.

LAKEVIEW BEACH.

S

Mr. and Mrs. George Selzer
F 65, "Blue Ribbon Cottage"
Carroll, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Striker
F 66 Des Moines, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. B. P. St. John
F 84
Heron Lake, Minnesota.

W

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Woodring
F 69, "Arbor Nook"
Carroll, Iowa.

PILLSBURY'S POINT.

CASS BAY AND LINCOLN BEACH.

Note—The first left hand number or letter stands for number of block, the right hand figure or figures the lot numbers.

A

Mrs. Mary Atkinson
F 3, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

C

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Colby
F 20, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clark
F 58, Pillsbury's Point
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Mrs. Wm. Connor
F 51, Pillsbury's Point
1116 9th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Clisby
F 44–45, L. C. Cottage, Pillsbury's Point
Parker, South Dakota.

D

Mr. and Mrs. E. Davis
29, Cass Bay Sanborn, Iowa.

F

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Francis
13, Cass Bay
Sanborn, Iowa.

G

Judge Josiah Given
6, "Oldhome Cottage," Cass Bay
Des Moines, Iowa.

T. R. Gilson
28, Cass Bay
Sanborn, Iowa.

H

John D. Hall
F 48, "Vista Delmar," Pillsbury's Point
Arnold's Park, Iowa.

J

W. W. Johnson
13, Cass Bay
Sanborn, Iowa.

C. T. Jones
F 52–53, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

L

Arthur Lucas
14, Cass Bay
Sanborn, Iowa.

L. C. COTTAGE.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lord
L. C. Cottage, Pillsbury's Point
Parker, South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Loucks
14, "The Wren's Nest," Cass Bay
Pipestone, Minnesota.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Little
F 61, "Uneeda Rest," Lincoln Beach
Lincoln, Nebraska.

M

Mrs. J. B. Marsh
F 18, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mikish
F 47, Cass Bay, "Wm. Komi"
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mrs. S. R. Meade
F 19, Pillsbury's Point
Rockwell City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Marshall
F 5, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mennig
F 6, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

J. P. Mitchell
F 42, Pillsbury's Point
Sanborn, Iowa.

O

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Oldfield
F 56, Pillsbury's Point
Mitchellville, Iowa.

A. T. Omtoedt
F 90, Lincoln Beach
Fonda, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Stevens
Byrne Stevens
Harry Stevens

S

1–2–3, Cass Bay
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Schofield
8, Cass Bay, "Canary Landing"
Geneva, Nebraska.

W. L. Sanborn
F 63, Lincoln Beach, "Arlington"
Occupied by Moville, Iowa.
A. E. and F. L. Pearson, of Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Mrs. W. V. Smith
F 16, Pillsbury's Point,
Newton, Iowa.

W. E. Slater
F 7, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Abbie Gardner Sharp, lives at "Old Log Cabin"
F 35, Pillsbury's Point, "Pleasant View Cottage"
is a tenant Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mrs. H. Sowers
F 4, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

Mary L. Simpson
F 46, Cass Bay
Spencer, Iowa.

W

J. B. Weaver, Jr.
F 3, Pillsbury's Point
Des Moines, Iowa.

H. E. and C. A. Williams
7 Cass Bay
Primghar, Iowa.

Wm. Woodman
13 Cass Bay Sanborn, Iowa.

Geo. R. Whitmer
7 Cass Bay
Primghar, Iowa.

CRESCENT BEACH.

A

W. B. Arnold Cottage
4, Arnolds Park, Iowa.

D

Electa W. Danforth
3, Arnolds Park, Iowa.

F. C. Danforth
5, Arnolds Park, Iowa.

S

Mrs. Hattie Sanford
1 and 2, Arnolds Park, Iowa.

ARNOLDS PARK.

A

Mrs. Eunice Arnold

Mrs. Emma Hallet
Mrs. Hattie Sanford
Miss Mary Sanford
Nelson Sanford
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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen
Miss Edna Allen
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Allen, Sr.
Misses Bertha and Victoria Allen
Harry and Ora Allen
"Rose Hill Farm"
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Allen, Jr.
Master Roy Allen
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Allen
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Allen
Master Lowell Joe Allen
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

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Miss Lucile and Master Lyle Atkinson
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Miss Jennie Bailey
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Misses Vivian and Beryl Butler
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Mr. and Mrs. John Berger
Arnolds Park, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bricht
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C

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Des Moines, Iowa.

D

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dennis
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E

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Elston
Arnolds Park, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Elston
Arnolds Park, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. George Elston
Fred Elston Arnolds Park, Iowa.

F

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Freed
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G

S. W. Gardiner
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Lyons, Iowa.

H

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Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hall
Miss Alice Hall
Phill Hall
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall
Misses Ethel, Hazel and Mary Hall
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I

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J

Mrs. Addie Johnson
Miss Cora Johnson
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L

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lombard
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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lindsay
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Loucks
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Sioux City, Iowa.

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Arnolds Park, Iowa.

R

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rohr
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Seeley
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Byrne and Harry Stevens
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Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mrs. Allan Sharp
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Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Tennant
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Charley Tennant
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

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"THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET"

"The moss covered bucket I hail as a treasure,
'Twas often at noon when returned from the field,
I found it the sourse of an exquisite pleasure,
The sweetest and purest that nature can yield.
How ardent I seized it with hands that were glowing,
And quick to the white pebbled bottom it fell.
There soon with the emblem of truth overflowing,
And dripping with coolness it rose from the well."

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Weise
Miss Alma Weise
"Lake View House"
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Y

Mrs. Harriet Yearons
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WEST SIDE OF SPIRIT LAKE.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Bergman
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Miss Bessie Nefzger
Miss Sarah Nefzger
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L

Wiley Lambert
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

M

H. A. Miller
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Charley and Edgar Arthur
Miss Janet Arthur

C

Frank Clark
Minnewashta Lake
Arnolds Park, Iowa.

H

Frank Henderson
Minnewashta Lake
Arnold's Park, Iowa.

J

James Johnson
Seattle. Washington.
Farm Occupied by
Mr. and Mrs. John Klein and
Roy and Judson Klein

L

Peter Ladoux
Farm Occupied by
Mr. and Mrs. Diggerzell
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Luder's farm occupied by
John Struthers
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

M

H. A. Miller

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Farm Occupied by
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roach
George Pollard

Farm Occupied by
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Domek

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Pollard

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollard

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

WEST SIDE OF EAST OKOBOJI.

D

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Diebner, Sr.

Okoboji, Iowa.

E

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Evans

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ellis

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

L

John Luder heir's farm occupied by
J. H. Arthur

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

P

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pegdon

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

V

Mr. and Mrs. Vaurichek
Misses Lou and Amy Vaurichek

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Members Lakeside Camp.

B

Roy K. Blayer, Lon Betts,

C. Bibow.

F

Dr. G. G. Fitz, F. A. Folsom,

J. R. Flatt.

G

Charles Giesel, A. D. Gray.

H

John W. Hartman, Henry Hardman,
C. C. Hamilton, C. B. Hill,

A. Hurd.

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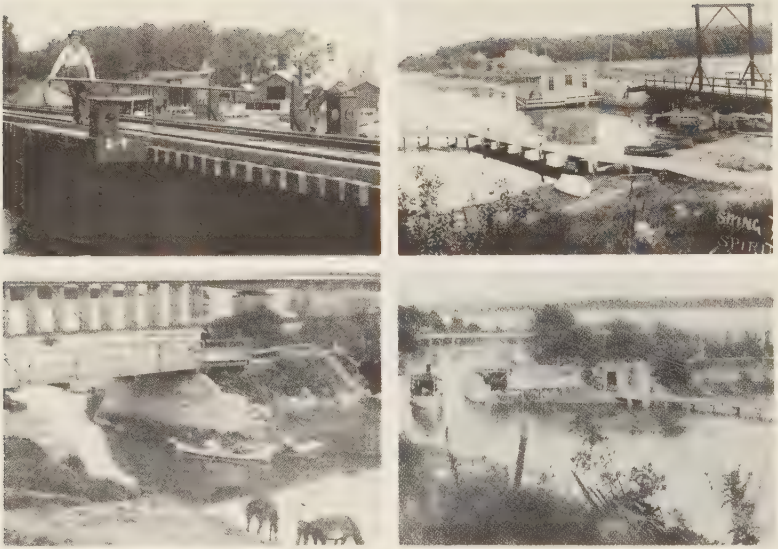
Milton J. Smith's first night in Dickinson County, as related on page 19 of this book, was one of friendship to a new arrival, but his host's home was "a hole in the ground with some logs across the top . . . " The house pictured above is one Smith built in Okoboji a few years later, and one that became a center of hospitality for Lakes Region residents and new arrivals. Well built of native lumber, it was a home for Smith families for many years.



Top left: John Robb turning rail bridge at Okoboji; right: Swing bridge at Spirit Lake. Bottom left: Wagon and railroad bridge between East and West Okoboji; right: the same bridges with swing bridge open for steamer traffic.

EARLY BRIDGES—The early pioneers had no bridge, no built-up grade between East and West Okoboji lakes. During the winter months travel between that north and south shore was easy all the time the ice was solid and safe. But during the summer months, anyone wanting to make that journey had to do so by swimming it, or having a team of horses or oxen that would swim it, pulling a wagon along. John Robb was going that route one day riding in a wagon being pulled by oxen. Part way across, in the deep water, the wagon box floated off the wagon frame. John couldn't swim, so was almost overcome by fright of drowning, but saved himself by grabbing the reins and hanging on tight, so the oxen pulled him along to the far shore.

When the Milwaukee railroad came through in the early 1880's, a good, solid rail bridge was built, a wonderful structure that served its purpose for many years. A section of it was made turnable so it could be opened as steamboats, hauling freight and passengers from West Okoboji areas to Spirit Lake, whistled to signal their approach. Then the "grade" was built up with rocks and dirt hauled in by wagon, and a turn bridge, then known as a "wagon bridge," was built at the north end of the grade. A similar grade and bridge was also built across East Okoboji on the east edge of the town of Spirit Lake.